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THE object of this work is not to afford a general survey of the Middle English dialects in their different periods, but rather to lay a firm foundation for such a survey by giving extracts from the two oldest texts which have been handed down in consistent, contemporary spellings representing pure and fixed dialects, one dialect being the direct descendant of the classical West Saxon of Alfred and Ælfric, the other the nearly direct ancestor of Modern English. The spellings of the MSS. have been preserved unchanged, except in cases of necessary alteration, but diacritics have been added as guides to the quantity and quality of those sounds which are imperfectly distinguished in the MSS. The grammar and glossary are based entirely on the extracts, all comparison of the other M. E. dialects and periods being rigorously excluded, the two texts being also kept apart as much as possible.

Although I think it a great mistake to begin the study of M. E. without a previous elementary knowledge of Old E., such as may easily be acquired with the help of my *Anglo-Saxon Primer*, I have nevertheless adapted this work to the requirements of those who may take it up without any such preparation. These students may perhaps find it advisable to begin with the *Ormulum* instead of the *Ancren Riwle*.

The texts are based on the editions of Morton¹ and White², together with the collations of Kölbing in the *Jahrbücher für romanische und englische Sprache und Litteratur* (xv. p. 180 foll.) and the *Englische Studien* (vol. i. p. 1 foll.). I have followed Morton in basing my text on the MS. Cott. Nero A. 14, as being the only one in a pure Southern dialect.

The extracts have been carefully chosen not only from a linguistic, but also from a literary and social-historical point of view. The student who has carefully worked through them will hardly need to be told that the A. R. is one of the most perfect models of simple, natural, eloquent prose in our language; without it indeed, the history of English prose from the close of the Old E. period down to the beginning of the seventeenth century would be little more than a dreary blank. As a picture of contemporary life, manners, and feeling it cannot be over-estimated. The passage (p. 34) in which Christ is described as a Norman knight in homeliest English phrase is alone enough to give a vivid idea of that fusion of English and French traditions and sentiments which—in spite of *Ivanhoe*—was almost completely carried out by the beginning of the thirteenth century. The conclusion (p. 39) of the allegory of Christ's wooing of the soul is, on the other hand, thoroughly Old English in its combined picturesqueness and grandeur. Thoroughly English, too, though in a totally different way, is the humorous description of the troubles of the nun with her cow (p. 41): how she curses when the cow is impounded, and yet

¹ The *Ancren Riwe*, edited by James Morton. London: Camden Society, 1853.

² The *Ormulum*, with the notes and glossary of Dr. R. M. White, edited by Rev. R. Holt. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1878.

has to pay the damages. Equally good is the description of the chattering nun (p. 19), and the comparison of her to a cackling hen. This, and many other passages, may be read with profit as well as amusement at the present day.

Of the literary merits of the *Ormulum* little can be said, for it has none whatever. The author was, in fact, a spelling-reformer and philologist who mistook his vocation. The Old E. picturesqueness and power disappears entirely from his verse together with the traditional alliteration, and the only compensation is a dry, practical directness of style and metre which is anything but poetical. The only passage in our extracts that shows any trace of poetry is, perhaps, the description of the lamb (p. 70).

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

IN the present edition I have made such alterations and additions as seemed likely to increase the utility of the book. In doing so I have been greatly aided by Mr. C. Stoffel, of Amsterdam, to whom I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks. I also have to acknowledge some useful criticisms received from Dr. F. Holthausen. I have, on the other hand, omitted to give the MS. readings in cases of correction, as I now consider such details out of place in a primer.

REIGATE,
November 10, 1890.

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ANCREN RIWLE.

(Southern Dialect.)

GRAMMAR.

THE Early Middle English of the beginning of the thirteenth century was spoken, like Old English, in four chief dialects, the *Northumbrian*, *Midland* (= O. E. Mercian), *Southern*, and *Kentish*. The Southern (strictly South-Western) dialect of the Ancren Riwe, probably that of Dorsetshire, represents geographically the Old West-Saxon, and especially the Late West-Saxon of Ælfric. In its sounds, however, it is a mixed dialect, showing strong Midland influence.

The most important change that took place in M. E. was the levelling of the old inflectional vowels under *e*, which led to a partial break-up of the O. E. inflectional system. These changes were no doubt accelerated by the Danish and Norman conquests, which also introduced many Norse and French words into the language.

SPELLING.

The influence of French spelling begins to show itself almost before the Conquest. In the A. R. it is strongly marked. We find the sound of O. E. *y* expressed by the French *u*, the 'voice' sound of *f* by *v*, guttural and palatal *c* distinguished as *k* and *ch*—all French influence, which also

caused the disuse of the O.E. *æ*. The general result of all this was, that M.E. spelling became more and more ambiguous and unphonetic, although the spelling of the A.R. is much less unphonetic than that of Chaucer. The following are the letters and digraphs (denoting simple sounds) used in the MS. of the A.R.: *a, b, c, ch, d, ð, e, ea, eo, f, g, ȝ, h, i, k, l, m, n, o, oa, p, qu* (rare), *r, s, sc, sch, t, þ, u, ui, v, w, x, y* (rare) = *i, z* (rare). In this book the spelling of the early thirteenth-century MS. is kept unaltered, except that where *v* is used to denote a vowel it is written *u*, and where *i* and *u* are used to denote consonants they are written *j* and *v* respectively, and that *þ* is printed uniformly both for the *þ* and *ð* of the MS., which employs both of them indiscriminately. Diacritical marks have also been added to some of the letters to distinguish their sounds, giving the following additional letters: *ē, ȝ, ū, ġ*, long vowels being marked (ˉ).

The following table will show the probable pronunciation of the vowels and diphthongs:—

a	al (<i>all</i>)	as in	father (<i>but short</i>)
ā	dāme (<i>lady</i>)	„	father
ai	dai (<i>day</i>)	„	my (<i>but broader</i>)
au	drauhþ (<i>draws</i>)	„	now (<i>but broader</i>)
e	men (<i>men</i>)	„	men

Short *e* was lengthened before certain consonant combinations (p. 6), as in *ēnde* 'end'; the resulting long vowel, which was distinct from *ē* (being less broad) is denoted by italic *ē* in the extracts and glossary.

-e	stille ¹ (<i>still</i>)	as in	father
ē	ēfter (<i>after</i>)	„	man
ē	dēd (<i>deed</i>)	„	see (<i>German</i>)
ē, ea	lēren, learen (<i>teach</i>)	„	there

¹ Unaccented.

ei	eie (<i>fear</i>)	as in way (<i>but broader</i>)
ēi	mēi (<i>may</i>)	
ēi	ēie (<i>eye</i>)	„ way
ēi	ēi (<i>egg</i>)	
eo	geove (<i>gift</i>)	„ peur (<i>French, but short</i>)
ēo	vēond (<i>fiend</i>)	„ peu (<i>French</i>)
ēu	unþēu (<i>vice</i>)	
ēou	trēou (<i>tree</i>)	
i	sitten (<i>sit</i>)	„ sit
ī	wīn (<i>wine</i>)	„ ween
o	hope (<i>hope</i>)	„ hop
ō	bōc (<i>book</i>)	„ sohn (<i>German</i>)
ō, oa	mōre, moare (<i>more</i>)	„ more
oi	noise (<i>noise</i>)	„ noise
ou	wrouhte (<i>wrought</i>)	„ no (<i>but broader</i>)
ōu	wōuh (<i>perverse</i>)	„ no
ōu	ōuh (<i>ought</i>)	
u	sunne (<i>sun</i>)	„ full
ū	ūt (<i>out</i>)	„ fool
ū	sünne (<i>sin</i>)	„ plus (<i>French</i>)
ū, ui	hūren, hui ren (<i>hire</i>)	„ lune (<i>French</i>)

As regards the consonants, it is necessary to pronounce the double ones really double, as in E. ‘penknife,’ distinguished from ‘penny’=respectively *pennaif*, *peni*. So in M. E. *sunne* ‘sun’ must be distinguished from *sune* ‘son.’

The O. E. distinction between double and single final consonants was lost in M. E., O. E. *in* and *inn* being both written *in*, and pronounced with long *n*, as in Mod. E.

The following consonants require special notice.

s, *þ*, and *f* had the voiced sounds *z*, *dh*, *v* initially and finally, except, of course, in such combinations as *st*, *ft*, etc., and in *ss*, *ff* (*þþ* in *wreþþe* ‘wrath,’ was probably voiced). *v*

is always written for voiced *f* medially, and often also initially, as in *heovene* 'heaven,' *forþ*, *vorþ* 'forth.' Finally and before consonants *f* is always written, as in *līf* 'life,' *hefde*, 'had,' to prevent confusion with the vowel *u*. In words of French origin *s* and *f* probably had their present sounds, as in *servise* 'service,' pronounced *servīze*, *fēste*, 'feast.' *z* is (only) written in French words, such as *āvez* 'aves' (plur.), where it had the sound of *z*. In *salūz* 'salvation' it probably had the sound of *ts*. *sc* was used for *ss* not only in French words, such as *lescūn* 'lesson,' but also in E. ones, such as *blescien* 'bless,' *bliscien* 'gladden.' *sch* had the sound of *sh*, *sche* being written for it in *scheort* 'short,' *scheomeful* 'shameful.'

h had the sound of Germ. *ch* in *ach* everywhere except initially, as in *drauhþ*, *wōuh*; after a palatal vowel (*e*, *i*) it probably had that of *ch* in G. *ich*, as in *hēih* 'high.' *ch* had, no doubt, nearly if not quite the sound of E. *ch* in *child* = *tsh*, double in *cch*, nearly = *ttsh*, as in *strecchen* 'stretch.' *c* had the sound of *s* in the French *temptāciūn* 'temptation,' &c., and also in the E. spellings *ēpcēne*, *seldcēne* 'easily-seen,' 'rarely-seen.' *k* was generally written instead of *c* before *e* and *i*, but also in other cases. *ġ* and *j* in French words had the sound of *dzh* (or very near it), as in Mod. E.; and *ġġ* had this sound doubled (comp. *cch*) in such E. words as *sigġen* 'say.' *ġ* also occurred in E. words in the combination *ng*, as in *swenge* 'stroke.' *ȝ* (the O.E. form of *g*) had the sound of our cons. *y*, as in *ȝung* 'young.'

ph in the French *prophēte* had, of course, the sound of *f*, and *p* was silent in *psalm-würhte* 'psalm-wright, psalmist.'

PHONOLOGY.

It has been shown that many of the changes from Old to Middle E. are changes of spelling only.

VOWELS.

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Of real sound-changes (besides the levelling of inflectional vowels, p. 1, above), the most important are the following.

The old diphthongs *ea*, *ēa*, *eo*, *ēo* became monophthongic, *ea* being levelled under O.E. *æ*, written *e* in M.E., and *ēa* under O.E. *ē*, so that such a pair as the O.E. *heard* and *þæt* were both pronounced with the same vowel, and were accordingly both written with *e* (= *ɛ*); and such a pair as O.E. *dēad* and *lēran* were both pronounced with the corresponding long vowel, which was accordingly written indifferently *ea* or *e* (= *ē*), so that these two words could be written either *ded*, *leren*, or *dead*, *learen*, *ea* being generally restricted to the *long* sound, and not employed for the short *ɛ*. *eo* and *ēo* were simplified in a similar way; but the resulting labial vowels were soon delabialized into *e* and *ē*.

But new diphthongs were developed in M.E. (to some extent already in O.E.)

(1) By weakening of O.E. *g*, which itself was an open consonant (= German *g* in *sagen*) medially and finally. O.E. *g* became *i* after the palatal vowels *i*, *e*, as in *wei* (O.E. *weg*) 'way,' *mēi* (*mæg*) 'may,' *vēien* (*fēgan*) 'join,' being itself absorbed after *i*, as in *stīen* (*stīgan*) 'ascend,' *istīen* (*gestigen*) 'ascended.' After the guttural vowels *a*, *o*, *u* it became *w*, as in *drawen* (*dragan*) 'draw,' *ōwen* (*āgan*) 'owe,' *bowe* (*boga*) 'bow' sb., *būwen* (*būgan*) 'bow' vb., giving combinations which are scarcely distinguishable from diphthongs, being itself absorbed after *u*, as in *vūel* (*fugol*) 'bird.'

(2) By the development of *i* before palatal *h*, and of *u* before guttural *h* and *w* (=O.E. *g* and *w*): *hēih* (Mercian *hēh*) 'high,' *seiht* (*seht*) 'peace'; *ōuh* (*āh*) 'owes,' *brouhte* (*brohte*) 'brought,' *tōward* (*tōweard*) 'towards,' *scēawwen* (*scēawian*) 'show.' Before O.E. palatal *nc* in *leinten* (*lencten*) 'spring,' *acweinte* (*ācwencte*) 'quenched.'

Of the other vowel-changes the most important is that of O.E. *ā* into the broad *ǣ*, which was often written *oa*, as in *moare*, *more* (*māre*) 'more,' *woa*, *wo* (*wā*) 'woe.' The result was that *ā* occurs only in French words, such as *dāme*, *blāmen*.

Short vowels were lengthened before *ld*, *ng*, *nd*, *mb*, *rd*, and in other more doubtful cases (the lengthening having begun in O.E.), as in *tōlde* (Mercian *tālde*) 'told,' *chīld* 'child,' *lōng* (*lang*, *long*) 'long,' *vīnden* 'find,' *cīmben* 'climb,' *wōrd* 'word.' But shortness was often preserved before *-er*, *-el*, *-en* and some other endings, as in *children* plur. of *chīld* 'child.' Also before *lt*, *lp*, *nt*, etc.: cp. *hōlden* 'to hold' with pres. *halt* 'holds.'

Consonant influence showed itself in other ways. *w* changes *ǣ* into *a*: *water* (*wæter*) 'water,' *hwat* (*hwæt*) 'what,' *ward* (*weard*) 'guardian.' Palatal *h* changes *e* to *i*: *briht*, (*beorht*, *breht*) 'bright,' *vihten* (Mercian *fehtan*) 'fight,' *līen* (*lēogan*, Mercian *lēgan*) 'tell lies,' *drīen* (Mercian *drēgan*) 'suffer.'

CONSONANTS.

Original single consonants are sometimes doubled between vowels, especially *m*, as in *summe* (O.E. *sumum*) dat. of *sum* 'some, some one.' Also in *wunnunge* 'dwelling,' *iwarre*, plur. 'wary.' Original double consonants are, on the other hand, simplified in unaccented syllables, as in the plur. *sūnfulle* (*synfulle*) 'sinful,' the dat. *wūmmone* (*wīfmanne*) 'woman.'

O.E. consonants are sometimes dropped, as in *hwūch*,

swüch (*hwylc*, *swylc*) ‘which,’ ‘such,’ *ase* = *alsō* (*ealswā*) ‘so, as.’ The unaccented monosyllables *ich* (*ic*) ‘I,’ *on* ‘on,’ *in* ‘in,’ *an* ‘on, an (indef. art.),’ together with the unshortened *ōn* ‘one,’ often drop their consonants. So also in *me* (*man*) the unaccented form of *mon* ‘man,’ which is used in the indefinite sense of ‘one,’ ‘they.’

When final *t* or *d* is followed by *þ* beginning another word (generally a pronominal word or a particle), the two consonants were regularly assimilated together, becoming *tt*, and this change is often carried out in writing: *ant te* = *and þe*, *mit te* = *mid þe* ‘with the.’

INFLECTIONS.

SUBSTANTIVES.

In the A. R. the threefold distinction of gender in the names of things as well as of living beings is still partially kept up, although the frequent dropping of the inflections of the articles and adjectives makes it difficult to distinguish them. The natural fem. gender of *wūmmon* and *lēofmon* ‘sweetheart,’ begins to prevail over the grammatical masc., these words taking the pronoun *hēo* ‘she.’

The following are the inflections, those which are liable to be dropped being () :—

	<i>Strong Masc.</i>	<i>Strong Neut.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
<i>Sing. Nom.</i> ¹	<i>wei</i> (<i>way</i>)	<i>wōrd</i> (<i>word</i>)	<i>chirche</i> (<i>church</i>)
<i>Dat.</i>	<i>wei(e)</i>	<i>wōrd(e)</i>	<i>chirche</i>
<i>Gen.</i>	<i>weies</i>	<i>wōrdes</i>	<i>chirche</i>
<i>Plur. Nom.</i>	<i>weies</i>	<i>wōrdes</i> , <i>wōrd</i>	<i>chirchen</i>
<i>Dat.</i>	<i>weies</i>	<i>wōrdes</i>	<i>chirchen</i>
<i>Gen.</i>	<i>weies</i> , <i>weie(ne)</i>	<i>wōrdes</i> , <i>wōrde(ne)</i>	<i>chirchen(e)</i>

¹ and Acc.

	<i>Weak Masc.</i>	<i>Weak Neut.</i>
<i>Sing. Nom.</i>	ivēre (<i>companion</i>)	ēie (<i>eye</i>)
<i>Dat.</i>	ivēre	ēie
<i>Gen.</i>	ivēre	ēie
<i>Plur. Nom.</i>	ivēren	ēien
<i>Dat.</i>	ivēren	ēien
<i>Gen.</i>	ivēren(e)	ēien(e)

In *vōr sīpen* 'four times' we have a remnant of the old dat. plur. in *-um*.

Many feminines, such as *hōnd* 'hand,' do not take *e* in the nom. sing. ³ Feminines rarely take *-es* in the gen. sing. The plur. neuters with a short root-syllable (short vowel + single cons.) generally take *-en* in the plural: *ȝet* 'gate,' pl. *ȝeten*. So also the original neuters *trēo*, *dēovel* have plur. *trēon*, *dēoflen*. *bede* (O.E. neuter *gebed*) 'prayer' takes *e* in the nom. sing. French polysyllables take *s* instead of *es*: *parlūrs* 'of a parlour,' *dettūrs* 'debtors,' *passiūns* 'passions.'

Such words as *engel* 'angel,' *wunder* 'wonder,' throw out their unaccented vowel before an inflectional one: *engle*, *wundres*.

dēi (O.E. *dæg*) has plur. *dawes* (*dagas*). *vēder*, *mōder*, *brōper*, *sūster* are generally unaltered in the sing. The last two have their plurals *brēpren*, *sūstren*. *vrēond* 'friend' is unchanged in the nom. pl., as also *niht* 'night.' *chīld* 'child,' *ġi* 'egg,' have plur. *children*, *ġiren*. *mon* 'man,' *wūmmon* 'woman,' *vōt* 'foot,' have their plur. *men*, *wūmmen*, *vēt*.

ADJECTIVES.

Adjectives retain the distinction between strong and weak, the latter form being used after the definite article, demon-

stratives, and defining words generally, but there is much confusion.

Strong.

	<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Neut.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
<i>Sing. Nom.</i>	gōd, gōde (<i>good</i>)	gōd	gōd, gōde
<i>Acc.</i>	gōd	gōd	gōde
<i>Dat.</i>	gōd(e)	gōd(e)	gōd(e)
<i>Gen.</i>	gōd(e)	gōd(e)	gōd(e)
<i>Plur. Nom.</i>		gōde	
<i>Dat.</i>		gōde	
<i>Gen.</i>		gōde, alre.	

When an adj. stands without a subst. it sometimes has a gen. sing. in *-es* in the fem. as well as masc. and neut.

Adjectives ending in *h* preceded by palatal vowels drop it in inflection, as in *hēih* 'high,' plur. *hēie*; when a labial vowel precedes the *h*, it becomes *w* in inflection, as in *rūh* 'rough,' plur. *rūwe*.

Weak.

Weak Masc., Neut., Fem.

<i>Sing. Nom.</i>	gōde
<i>Dat.</i>	gōde
<i>Gen.</i>	gōde
<i>Plur. Nom.</i>	gōde
<i>Dat.</i>	gōde
<i>Gen.</i>	gōde


The *e* of the weak form seems to be dropped only after an unaccented syllable, as in *hōli(e)* 'holy,' *bitter* (for *bittre*).

The comparative and superlative are formed by adding *-(e)re, -est*.

-lich becomes *-lūkest* in the superl.: *lōdlich* 'hateful,' *lōd-lūkest*. *grētest* 'greatest,' is contracted to *grēst*. *hōt* 'hot,' shortens its vowel in the comp. *hattre*.

PRONOUNS AND GENERAL ADJECTIVES.

The personal pronouns have only two cases, *nominative* and *oblique* (which is mainly the O. E. dative, but is used as an acc. as well as a dat.), and are declined thus:—

<i>Sing. Nom.</i>	ich, ī (<i>I</i>)		pū (<i>thou</i>)
<i>Obl.</i>	mē		pē
<i>Plur. Nom.</i>	wē		gē
<i>Obl.</i>	us		ōu
	<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Neut.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
<i>Sing. Nom.</i>	hē (<i>he</i>)	hit (<i>it</i>)	hēo (<i>she</i>)
<i>Obl.</i>	him, hine	him	hire
			
<i>Plur. Nom.</i>		hēo	
<i>Obl.</i>		heom, ham	

pū is often shortened into *pu, (tu)* when it follows its verb, as in *wēnes-tu* 'thinkest thou?'

The reflexive pronoun is often the simple pronoun, as in *hōlde hire stille!* 'let her keep herself quiet.' Generally, however, *sūlf* 'self' is used. It is joined to the possessives of the first two persons and to the oblique (dative) case of the third person, the form *sūlven* being also used in the nom.

as well as the obl. case: *þī-sülf*, *þī-sülven*, *him-sülf*, *him-sülven*, *ham-sülven*.

The possessives are *mī(n)*, *þī(n)*, *his* (masc. and neut.), *hire*, (her); *ūre*, *ower*, (*our*, *our*, inflected *oure*), *hore*. They are all (including *his*) declined like other adjectives. *mīn* and *þīn* drop their *n* before a consonant.

The interrogative and relative *hwō* 'who,' neut. *hwat*, has an oblique case *hwam*, and a genitive or possessive *hwas*.

The definite article is declined thus:—

	<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Neut.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
<i>Sing. Nom.</i>	þe	þet, þe	þēo, þe
<i>Acc.</i>	þene, þe	þet, þe	þēo, þe
<i>Dat.</i>	þen, þe	þen, þe	þer, þe
<i>Gen.</i>	þes, þe	þes, þe	þer, þe
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<i>Plur. Nom.</i>	þēo, þe		
<i>Dat.</i>	þēo, þe (þen)		
<i>Gen.</i>	þēo, þe (þer)		

þē (with long *ē*) is also used as a pers. pron. when followed by the relative *þe*: *þē þe* 'he who,' *þēo þe* 'she who,' 'they who.'

þis 'this,' is declined thus:—

	<i>Masc.</i>	<i>Neut.</i>	<i>Fem.</i>
<i>Sing. Nom.</i>	þes	þis	þēos
<i>Acc.</i>	þesne	þis	þēos
<i>Dat.</i>	þisse	þisse	þisse
<i>Gen.</i>	þisses	þisses	þisse
<hr/>			
<i>Plur. Nom.</i>	þēos		
<i>Dat.</i>	þēos, þissen		
<i>Gen.</i>	þēos		

The relatives are *þe* and *þet*, both undeclined in gender, number, and case. *hwat* is also used as a relative, as in Mod. E.

Indefinites are formed by adding *se*=*sȝ* 'so' to the interrogatives *hwȝ*, *hwat*, *hweþer* 'which of the two,' *hwȝ-se* 'whoever,' *hweþer-se* 'whoever of the two.' *an*, a shortening of *ȝn* 'one,' is used as an indefinite article, and is declined like an adjective. Both *an* and *ȝn* drop their *n* before a consonant, as also does *nȝn* 'none,' which has an acc. sing. masc. *nenne*. *ȝni*, *ȝi* 'any' is also declined like an adjective. *ȝþer* 'other' keeps the strong form after *þe*: *þet* *ȝþer*, etc.

VERBS.

There are two classes of verbs, *strong* and *weak*, the former being conjugated by means of vowel-change in the root, the latter by the addition of *d* (*t*). *HT. ede deot te*

The following are the general endings:—

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. bīnde 'bind'	bīnde
	2. bintst	bīnde
	3. bint	bīnde
<i>plur.</i>	bīndeþ	bīnden
<i>Pret. sing.</i>	1. bōnd	būnde
	2. būnde	būndest
	3. bōnd	būnde
<i>plur.</i>	būnden	būnden
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	bīnd; <i>plur.</i> bīndeþ.	<i>Infin.</i> bīnde(n). <i>Part.</i>
<i>pres.</i>	bīndinde; <i>pret.</i> ibūnde(n).	<i>Gerund</i> tō bīnden(e).

The plur. drops its *þ* and *n* when the pron. immediately follows its verb instead of preceding it: *bīnde* ȝē, imper.,

būnde 3ē. The pret. partic. regularly prefixes *i-* (= O. E. *ge-*), unless it already has a prefix of the same character.

STRONG VERBS.

In these the 2nd sing. pret. indic. and the whole pret. subj. always have the vowel of the pret. plur. indic.

The 3rd pers. sing. of the pres. indic. is sometimes full *-eþ*, as in *līeþ* 'tells lies,' *spekeþ* 'speaks,' but is often contracted, as in *slēaþ* 'slays,' *berþ* 'bears.' After *t* it is lost, as in *sit* 'sits,' from *sitten*. It changes *d* into *t*, and is dropped itself, as in *tret* 'treads,' from *treden*, *stont* 'stands,' from *stōnden*, *3elt* 'pays' from *3ēlden*, *ivint* 'finds' from *ivīnden*, the vowel being generally shortened.

The following strong verbs occur in our extracts (those only being given which show forms with a vowel different from that of the infinitive):—

I. 'Fall'-conjugation.

INFINITIVE.	THIRD PRES.	PRET. SING.	PRET. PL.	PART. PRET.
<i>hōlden</i> (<i>hold</i>)	<i>halt</i>	<i>hēold</i>	<i>hēolden</i>	<i>ihōlden</i>
<i>vōngen</i> <i>vōn</i> ¹ (<i>receive</i>)		<i>vēng</i>	<i>vēngen</i>	<i>vōngen</i>

II. 'Shake'-conjugation.

<i>drawen</i> (<i>draw</i>)	<i>drauhþ</i>	<i>drōuh</i>	<i>drōwen</i>	<i>idrawen</i>
<i>stōnden</i> (<i>stand</i>)	<i>stont</i>	<i>stōd</i>	<i>stōden</i>	<i>istōnden</i>
<i>cumen</i> (<i>come</i>)	<i>cumeþ</i>	<i>cōm</i>	<i>cōmen</i>	<i>icumen</i>
<i>slēan</i> (<i>slay</i>)	<i>slēaþ</i>	<i>slōuh</i>	<i>slōwen</i>	<i>isleien</i>

hebben 'lift,' which in O. E. belongs to this conjugation, has pret. *hef*.

¹ Plur. indic. *vōþ*, *vō(3ē)*; imper. sing. *vō*, *vōng*.

III. 'Drink'-conjugation.

ivīnden (<i>find</i>)	ivint	ivōnd	ivūnden	ivūnden
biginnen (<i>begin</i>)	.. ..	bigon	bigunnen	bigunnen
delven (<i>dig</i>)	.. ..	.. ..	dulven	dolven
helpen (<i>help</i>)	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	holpen
ceorven (<i>cut</i>)	.. ..	kērf	kurven	.. ..
worpen (<i>throw</i>)	.. ..	wērp	wurpen	worpen

IV. 'Bear'-conjugation.

beren (<i>bear</i>)	berþ	bēr	bēren	boren
breken (<i>break</i>)	.. ..	brēc	brēken	broken

V. 'Give'-conjugation.

gīven (<i>give</i>)	.. ..	gēf	gēven	igiven
cweþen (<i>say</i>)	.. ..	cweþ	.. ..	.. ..
bigeten (<i>get</i>)	bigit	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
speken (<i>speak</i>)	spekeþ	spēc	.. ..	.. ..
liggen (<i>lie</i>)	līþ	lei	lēien	.. ..
sitten (<i>sit</i>)	sit	sēt	sēten	.. ..
isēon (<i>see</i>)	isihþ	isēih	isēien	iseien

VI. 'Drive'-conjugation.

schrīven (<i>confess</i>)	.. ..	schrōf	schriven	ischriven
strīven (<i>strive</i>)	.. ..	strōf	.. ..	.. ..

VII. 'Choose'-conjugation.

bēoden (<i>offer</i>)	.. ..	bēd	.. ..	.. ..
vorlēsen (<i>lose</i>)	.. ..	vorlēš	vorluren	vorloren
vlien (<i>flee</i>)	.. ..	.. ..	vluwen	.. ..
liēn (<i>tell lies</i>)	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	ilowen
wriēn (<i>cover</i>)	.. ..	wrēih	.. ..	iwrīen
būwen (<i>bow</i>)	būhþ	bēih	.. ..	.. ..

WEAK VERBS.

There are two conjugations of weak verbs: (1) those with inf. *-en*; (2) those with inf. *-ien*.

Conjugation I.

The pret. and partic. pret. are formed by adding *-de* and *-(e)d*, *-lled-* being written *-ld-*, and *-nodd-* becoming *-nd-*. After *t* and other voiceless consonants the *d* becomes *t*, and *-llt-* becomes *-lt-*. Long vowels are often shortened in the pret. and partic. pret. The 2nd and 3rd sing. pres. indic. are contracted in the same way as in the strong verbs.

(a) 'Hear'-class.

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. hēre (<i>hear</i>)	hēre
	2. hēr(e)st	hēre
	3. hēr(e)p	hēre
<i>plur.</i>	hērep	hēren
<i>Pret. sing.</i>	1. herde	herde
	2. herdest	hērdest
	3. herde	herde
<i>plur.</i>	herden	herden
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	hēre	<i>plur.</i> hērep.
<i>Part. pres.</i>	hērinde	<i>Infin.</i> hēren.
<i>pret.</i>	ihēred	iherd.

Other examples are:—

lēren (<i>teach</i>)	lērep	lērde	ilēred, ilērd
ilēven (<i>believe</i>)	ilēvep	ilēfde	ilēved
wēnden (<i>turn, go</i>)	went	wēnde	iwend
setten (<i>set</i>)	set	sette	iset

setten 'set,' has imper. sing. *sete*. *kūpen* 'make known,' has pret. partic. *ikūd*; *lēggen* has pret. partic. *ileid*; *siġgen* 'say,' has 3rd pers. pres. indic. *seiþ*, pret. *seide*, partic. *iseid*, imper. *seiē* and *siġge*; *acwenchen* 'quench,' has pret. *acweinte*; *strecchen* 'stretch,' has partic. pret. *istreiht*; *nemnen* 'name,' has imper. sing. *nem*.

(b). 'Seek'-class.

tellen (<i>tell</i>)	telleþ	tōlde	itōld
þenchen (<i>think</i>) ¹	.. ..	þouhte	īþouht
būggen (<i>buy</i>)	būþ	bouhte	ibouht
þünchen (<i>seem</i>)	.. ..	þuhte	īþuht
würchen (<i>work</i>)	.. ..	wrouhte	iwrouht

Conjugation II.

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i> 1. <i>luvie</i> (<i>love</i>)		<i>luvie</i>
2. <i>luvest</i>		<i>luvie</i>
3. <i>luveþ</i>		<i>luvie</i>
<i>plur.</i> <i>luvieþ</i>		<i>luvien</i>
<i>Pret. sing.</i> 1. <i>luvede</i>		<i>luvede</i>
2. <i>luvest</i>		<i>luvest</i>
3. <i>luvede</i>		<i>luvede</i>
<i>plur.</i> <i>luveden</i>		<i>luveden</i>
<i>Imper. sing.</i> <i>luve</i> ; <i>pl.</i> <i>luvieþ</i> .		<i>Infin.</i> <i>luvien</i> .
<i>Part. pres.</i> <i>luvi(i)nde</i> ; <i>pret.</i> <i>iluvēd</i> .		

The *i* is often omitted in these verbs. *luvie* sometimes becomes *luvi*.

habben 'have' (*nabben* 'have not') shows a mixture of forms of both conjugations.

¹ Imper. *þenc(h)*.

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. habbe	habbe
	2. havest	habbe
	3. haveþ	habbe
<i>plur.</i>	habbeþ	habben
	<i>Pret.</i> hefde, hevede.	
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	have ; <i>plur.</i> habbeþ.	<i>Infin.</i> habben.

PRETERITE-PRESENT VERBS.

These have for their present an old strong preterite, from which a new preterite is formed.

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. con (<i>can</i>)	cunne
	2. const	cunne
	3. con	cunne
<i>plur.</i>	cunnen	cunnen
<i>Pret.</i>	cūpe	<i>Infin.</i> cunnen.

The others are :—

wōt 'know,' 'guard,' pl. *witeþ*, *wüteþ*; pret. *wüste*; pret. partic. *iwüst*. So also *nōt* 'knows not.'

ōuh 'owes,' 'ought,' *ōwen*; *ōuhte*.

mōt 'may,' 'must,' *mōten*; *mōste*.

mēi 'can,' 'may,' *bū miht*, *mēiht*, *murwen*; *mühte*.

schal 'shall,' *bū schalt*, *schulen*, *schullen*; *schulde*.

A similar verb is *wüllen* 'will,' *nüllen* 'will not':

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. wüle, wülle, ichülle (<i>nülle</i>)	wüle
	2. wült (<i>nült</i>)	wüle
	3. wüle	wüle
<i>plur.</i>	wüllep	wüllen
<i>Pret.</i>	wolde	

ANOMALOUS VERBS.

1. *bēon*, 'be.'

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. <i>am</i> (<i>nam</i>)	<i>bēo</i>
	2. <i>ert</i>	<i>bēo</i>
	3. <i>is</i> (<i>nis</i>)	<i>bēo</i>
	<i>plur.</i> <i>bēoþ</i> , <i>bōþ</i>	<i>bēon</i>
<i>Pret. sing.</i>	1. <i>was</i>	<i>wēre</i>
	2. <i>wēre</i> (<i>nēre</i>)	<i>wēre</i>
	3. <i>was</i>	<i>wēre</i>
	<i>plur.</i> <i>wēren</i>	<i>wēren</i>
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	<i>bēo</i> ; <i>plur.</i> <i>bēoþ</i> .	<i>Infin.</i> <i>bēon</i> .

2. *dōn*, 'do.'

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. <i>dō</i>	<i>dō</i>
	2. <i>dēst</i>	<i>dō</i>
	3. <i>dēþ</i>	<i>dō</i>
	<i>plur.</i> <i>dōþ</i>	<i>dōn</i>
<i>Pret.</i>	<i>dūde</i>	
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	<i>dō</i> : <i>plur.</i> <i>dōþ</i> .	<i>Infin.</i> <i>dōn</i> .
	<i>Part. pres.</i> <i>dōnde</i> ; <i>pret.</i> <i>idōn</i> .	

3. *gōn*, 'go.'

	INDICATIVE.	SUBJUNCTIVE.
<i>Pres. sing.</i>	1. <i>gō</i>	<i>gō</i>
	2. <i>gēst</i>	<i>gō</i>
	3. <i>gēþ</i>	<i>gō</i>
	<i>plur.</i> <i>gōþ</i>	<i>gōn</i>
<i>Pret.</i>	<i>ēode</i>	
<i>Imper. sing.</i>	<i>gō</i> ; <i>plur.</i> <i>gōþ</i> .	<i>Infin.</i> <i>gōn</i> .

EXTRACTS.

SPEECH.

ON alre-ērest, hwon Ʒē schulen tō ōure parlūres þūrle, iwiteþ
 ęt ōwer meiden hwō hit bēo þęt is icumen, vor swūch hit mei
 bēon þęt Ʒē schulen aschunien ōu; &¹ hwon Ʒē alles mōten
 vorþ, creoiseþ ful Ʒēorne ōur mūþ, ēaren, & ēien, & te brēoste
 ēke; & gōþ forþ mid Godes drēde tō prēoste. On ērest 5
 siggęþ *confiteor*, & þēr-ęfter *benedicite*. Þęt hē ōuh tō siggen,
 hercneþ his wōrdes; & sitteþ al stille, þęt, hwon hē partęþ
 vrom ōu, þęt hē ne cunne ōwer gōd, ne ōwer ūvel nōuþer;
 ne hē ne cunne ōu nōuþer blāmen ne preisen. Sum is sō
 wel ilēred, ōþer se wīs-iwōrded, þęt hēo wolde þęt hē wūste 10
 hit; þe sit & spekeþ tōward him, & Ʒelt him wōrd aƷein
 wōrd, & bicumeþ meister, þe schulde bēon ancre; & leareþ
 him þęt is icumen tō lēren hire: wolde bī hire tale sōne bēon
 mit te wīse icūd & icnōwen. Icnōwen hēo is wel, vor þurh
 þęt ilke þęt hēo wēneþ tō bēon wīs ihōlden, hē understont 15
 þęt hēo is sot. Vor hēo hunteþ ęfter prīs, & kęccheþ lastunge.
 Vor ęt te laste, hwon hē is iwēnd a-wei, ‘þēos ancre,’ hē
 wūle siggen, ‘is of mūchele spēche.’ Ēve hēold ine paraīs
 lōnge tale mid te neđdre, & tōlde hire al þęt lescūn þęt God
 hire hefde ilēred & Adām of þen ępple; & sō þe vēond þurh 20
 hire wōrd understōd an-ōn-riht hire wōcnesse, & ivōnd wei

¹ = and, ant.

tōward hire of hire vorlorenesse. Ūre lēfdi, Seinte Mārie, dūde al an ōper wīse : ne tōlde hēo þen engle nōne tale, auh askede him þīng scheortliche þet hēo ne kūþe. Ʒē, mīne lēove sūstren, voleweþ ūre lēfdi, & nōut þe kakele E̅ve.

5 Vor-þī ancre, hwat-se hēo bēo, alse mūchel ase hēo ēver con & meī, hōlde hire stille : nabbe hēo nōut henne kūnde. Þe hen, hwon hēo haveþ ileid, ne con būten kakelen. And hwat biȝit hēo þēr-of? Kumeþ þe cōue anōn-riht & rēveþ hire hire ēiren, & fret al þet of hwat hēo schulde vorþ-brīngen

10 hire cwike briddes ; & riht alsō þe lūþere cōue, dēovel, berþ a-wei vrom þe kakelinde ancren & vorswoluweþ al þet gōd þet hēo istrēoned habbeþ, þet schulden ase briddes beren ham up tōward heovene, ȝif hit nēre icakeled. Þe wrēcche peoddare mōre noise hē makeþ tō ȝēien his sōpe, þen a rīche

15 mercēr al his dēorewurþe ware. Tō summe gōstliche monne þet ȝē bēoþ trūsti uppen, ase ȝē muwen bēon of lūt, gōd is þet ȝē asken rēd, & salve þet hē tēche ōu tōȝeines fōndunges, & ine schrifte scheaweþ him, ȝif hē wūle ihēren, ōwer grēste & ōwer lōdlūkeste sūnnen, vor-þī-þet him arēowe ōu ; & þurh

20 þe birēounesse crīe Crīst inwardliche mercī vor ōu, & habbe ōu ine mūnde & in his bōnen. *Sed multi veniunt ad vos in vestimentis ovium ; intrinsecus autem sunt lupi rapaces.* ‘Auh witeþ ōu, & bēoþ iwarre,’ hē seiþ, ūre Lōverd, ‘vor monie cumeþ tō ōu ischrūd mid lōmbes flēose, & bēoþ wōde wulves.’

25 Worldliche men ilēveþ lūt ; religiūse ȝet lēsse. Ne wilnie ȝē nōut tō mūchel hore kūplēchunge. E̅ve wipūte drēde spēc mit te neðdre. Ūre lēfdi was ofdrēd of Gabriēles spēche.

Wipūte wisse of wēopmon ōper of wūmmon þet ōu

30 muwe ihēren, ne speke ȝē mid nōne monne ofte ne lōnge ; & þauh hit bēo of schrifte, i þen ilke hūse, ōper þēr hē muwe isēon tōward ōu, sitte þe þridde, būte ȝif þe ilke þridde o

þer stūnde trūkie. Þis nis nōut vor ōu, lēove sūstren, iseid,
 ne vor ōþer swūche ; auh for-þī þe trēowe is mislēved, & te
 sakelease ofte bilowen vor wone of witnesse. Me ilēveþ þet
 ūvel sōne, & te unwrēste blīpeliche līeþ on þe gōde. Sum
 unisēli, hwon hēo seide þet hēo schrōf hire, haveþ ischriven 5
 hire al tō wundre. Vor-þī ōwen þe gōde ēver tō habben
 witnesse, vor twō ancheisūns : nomeliche, þet ōn is þet te
 ontfulle ne muwen līen on heom sō þet þe witnesse ne prēove
 heom valse ; þet ōþer is, vor te ġiven þe ōþre vorbīsne, &
 binime þe ūvele ancre þet ilke unisēli ġile þet ich of seide. 10

Ūt of chirche þūrle ne hōlde ġē nōne tale mid nōne
 monne, auh bereþ wurpschipe þēr-tō, vor þet hōli sacrament
 þet ġē isēoþ þēr-þurh ; & nimeþ ōþerhwūles ōwer wūmmen
 tō þe hūses þūrle, þēo ōþre men & wūmmen tō þe parlūrs
 þūrle : speken vor nēode ne ōuwe ġē būten et þēos twō 15
 þūrles.

Silence ēvere et te mete ; vor ġif ōþre religiūse dōþ hit,
 ase ġē wel wūteþ, ġē ōwen bivoren alle. & ġif ēni haveþ
 dēore ġist, dō hire meiden ase in hire stūde te ġlēdien hire
 vēre, & hēo schal habben leave tō openen hire þūrl ēnes ōþer 20
 twīes, & makien singnes tōward hire of ōne ġlēde chēre.
 Summes kurteisie is nō-þe-leas itūrnd hire tō ūvele. Under
 semblaunt of ġōd is ofte iheled sūnne. Ancre & hūses lēfdi
 ōuh mūche tō bēon bitwēonen. Ēveriche vrīdeie of þe ġēr
 hōldeþ silence, būte ġif hit bēo duple fēste ; & teonne hōldeþ 25
 hit sum ōþer dai i þe wike ; i þen Advent, & i þe Ūmbri-
 dawes, wōdnesdawes, & frīdawes ; i þe leinten þrēo dawes, &
 al þe swīwike vort nōn of Ēsterēven. Tō ōwr meiden ġē
 muwen þauh sigġen mid lūt wōrdes hwat-se ġē wūlleþ ; &
 ġif ēni ġōd mon is feorrene ikumen, hercneþ his spēche, 30
 and onswerieþ mid lūt wōrdes tō his askunge.

Müche fol hē wēre þe mühte tō his ōwene bihōve, hwēper-se hē wolde, grīnden grēot ōþer hwēte, gif hē grūnde þet grēot, & lēfde þene hwēte. 'Hwēte is hōli spēche,' ase Saint Anselme seiþ. Hēo grint grēot þe chēfleþ. Þe twō chēoken
 5 bēoþ þe twō grinstōnes. Þe tūnge is þe cleppe. Lōkeþ, lēove sūstren, þet ōuwer chēoken ne grīnden nēver būte sōule vōde, ne ōur earen ne hercnen nēver būte sōule heale; & nōut ōne ōur earen, auh ōwer ēieþūrles tūneþ aȝein īdel spēche, þet tō ōu ne cume nō tale ne tīþinge of þe worlde.

- 10 Ȝē ne schulen vor nōne þīnge ne warien, ne swerien, būte gif Ȝē sigȝen witterliche, ōþer sikerliche, ōþer o summe swūche wīse; ne ne prēche Ȝē tō nōne mon; ne nō mon ne aski ōu read ne cunsail, ne ne telle ōu. Readeþ wūmmen ōne. Seinte Pōwel vorbead wūmmen tō prēchen. *Mulieres*
 15 *non permitto docere.* Nenne wēopmon ne chasti Ȝē, ne ne ȝtwiteþ him of his unþeau, būte gif hē bēo ōuer kūpre. Hōlie ōlde ancren muwen dōn hit summes weis; auh hit nis nōut siker þīng, ne ne limpeþ nōut tō þe ȝūnge. Hit is hore mester þet bēoþ over ōþre iset, & habbeþ ham tō witene.
 20 Ancre naveþ tō witene būten hire & hire meīdenes. Hōlde ēverich his ōwene mester, & nōut ne reavie ōþres. Moni mon wēneþ tō dōn wel þet hē dēþ al tō cweade: vor, ase ich ēr seide, under semblaunt of gōde is ofte iheled sūnne; & þurh swūch chastiment haveþ sum ancre arēred bitwēo-
 25 nen hire & hire prēost ōþer a valsinde lue, ōþer a müche weorre.

Seneca seide: *Ad summam volo vos esse rariloquos, tuncque pauciloquos.* 'Þet is þe ēnde of þe tale,' seiþ Seneke þe wīse: 'ichülle þet Ȝē speken sēlde, & þeonne būten lūtel.' Auh moni
 30 pūnt hire wōrd vor te lēten mō ūt, as me dēþ water ȝter mūlne clūse; & sō dūden Jōbes frēond, þet wēren icumen tō vrōvren him: sēten stille alle seove niht. Auh þēo hēo

hefden alles bigunne vor tō spekene, þeonne kūpen hēo
 nēvere astūnten hore cleppe. Greg.: *Censura silentii nutri-*
tura est verbi. Sō hit is ine monie, ase seinte Gregōrie
 seiþ: ‘Silence is wōrdes fōstrild, & brīngeþ forþ cheafle.’ An
 oþer half ase hē seiþ, *Juge silentium cogit celestia meditari.* 5
 Lōng silence & wel iwüst nēdeþ þe þouhtes up tōward þer
 heovene; alsō ase gē muwen isēon þet water, hwon me pūnt
 hit & stoppeþ bivoren wel, sō þet hit ne muwe adūneward,
 þeonne is hit inēd agein vor tō clīmben upward; & gē al
 pisses weis pūndeþ ōwer wōrdes, & forstoppeþ ōwer þouhtes, 10
 ase gē wülleþ þet hēo clīmben & hīen tōward heovene, &
 nōut ne vallen adūneward, & tōvlēoten geond te world, ase
 dēþ mūchel cheafle. Auh hwon gē nēde mōten speken, a
 lūte wiht lēseþ up ōwer mūpes flōdžēten, ase me dēþ et ter
 mūlne, and lēteþ adūn sōne. 15

Mō sleaþ wōrd þene swēord. *Mors et vita in manibus*
lingue. ‘Līf & deaþ,’ seiþ Salomon, ‘is ine tūnge hōnden.’
 ‘Hwō-se witeþ wel his mūþ, hē witeþ,’ hē seiþ, ‘his sōule.’
Sicut urbs patens & absque murorum ambitu: sicut, &c. Greg.
Qui murum silentii non habet, patet inimici, &c.: ‘Hwō-se ne 20
 wiþhalt his wōrdes,’ seiþ Salomon þe wīse, ‘hē is ase buruh
 wiþūten wal, þēr ase vērd mei in over-al.’ Þe vēond of helle
 mid his fērd went þurh þe tūtel þet is ēver open intō þe
 heorte. In *vilas patrum* hit telleþ þet ōn hōli mon seide, þēo
 me preisede ane of þe brēþren þet hē hefde iherd þet wēren 25
 of mūche spēche: *Boni utique sunt, sed habitatio eorum non*
habet januam: quicunque vult intrat, & asinum solvit.
 ‘Gōde,’ cwēþ hē, ‘hēo bōþ; auh hore wunnunge naveþ nō
 žet: hore mūþ mapeleþ ēver; & hwō-se ēver wūle mei gōn
 in, & lēden vorþ hore asse;’ þet is, hore unwīse sōule. Vor- 30
 þī, seiþ sein Jāme: *Si quis putat se religiosum esse, non refre-*
nans linguam suam, sed seducens cor suum, haec vana est religio.

Þæt is 'ȝif ēni wēneþ þæt hē bēo religiūs, & ne brīdleþ nōut
 his tūnge, his religiūn is fals : hē gīleþ his heorte.' Hē seiþ
 swūþe wel, 'ne brīdleþ nōut his tūnge,' vor brīdel nis nōut
 5 þe horses mūþe, auh sit sum upo þen ēien, & sum o
 þen earen. Vor alle þrēo is mūche nēod þæt hēo bēon
 ibrīdled ; auh i þe mūþe sit tēt īren, & o þe lihte tūnge ; vor
 þēr is mēst nēod hōld hwon þe tūnge is o rūne, & ivollen on
 tō ēornen. Vor ofte wē þencheþ, hwon wē vōþ on tō
 spekene, vor te speken lūtel, & wel-isette wōrdes ; auh þe
 10 tūnge is sliddri, vor hēo wadeþ ine wēte, & slit lihtliche vorþ
 from lūt wōrd intō monie ; & teonne, ase Salomon seiþ, *in*
multiloquio non deest peccatum. Ne mei nōut mūchel spēche,
 ne aginne hit nēver sō wel, bēon wiþūten sūnne ; vor vrom
 sōþ hit slit te vals ; ūt of gōd intō ūvel, & from mesūre intō
 15 unimete ; & of a drope waxeþ a mūche flōd, þæt adrencheþ
 þe sōule. Vor mid te flēotinde wōrd tōflēoteþ þe heorte ;
 sō þæt lōnge þēr-ēfter ne mei hēo bēon a-riht igēdered tō-
 gēderes. *Et os nostrum tanto longius est Deo, quanto mundo*
proximum ; tanto minus exauditur in prece quanto amplius in-
 20 *quinatur in locutione*. Þis bēoþ sein Gregōries wōrdes, in his
 dialōge. Ase nēih ase ūre mūþ is tō worldliche spēche, ase
 veor hē is vrom God, hwon wē spekeþ tōuward him, & bit
 him ēni bōne. Vor-þī is þæt wē ȝēieþ upon him ofte, & hē
 fūrseþ him awei vrommard ūre stefne : ne nūle hē nōut
 25 ihēren hire, vor hēo stinckeþ tō him al of þe worldes mape-
 lunge, & of hire chēfle. Hwō-se wūle wilnen þæt Godes eare
 bēo nēih hire tūnge, fūrsie hire vrom þe worlde, elles hēo mei
 lōnge ȝēien ēr God hire ihēre ; auh hē seiþ þurh Isaie : *Cum*
extenderitis manus vestras, avertam oculos meos a vobis ; &
 30 *cum multiplicaveritis orationes, non exaudiam vos* ; þæt is, 'þauh
 ȝē makien monivōld ōuwer bōnen tōuward mē, ȝē þæt pleieþ
 mit te worlde, nūl' ich ōu nōut ihēren ; auh icchülle tūrnen
 mē awei, hwon ȝē hebbeþ tōuward mē ēien ōper hōnden.'

Ūre dēorewurpe lēfdi, seinte Mārie, þæt ƿuh tō alle wūm-
 men bēon vorbīsne, was of sƿ lūte spēche þæt nōuhware ine
 hōli write ne iwinde wē þæt hēo spēc būte vōr sīpen; auh for
 þe seldspēche hire wōrdes wēren hevie, & hēfden mūche
 mihte. Hire vorme wōrdes þæt wē rēdeþ of wēren þƿ hēo 5
 onswerede þen engle Gabriēl, & þēo wēren sƿ mihtie þæt mid-
 tēt-þæt hēo seide, *Ecce ancilla Domini; fiat mihi secundum*
verbum tuum, et tisse wōrde Godes sune & sƿ God bicōm
 mon; & þe Lōverd, þæt al þe world ne mūhte nōut bivōn,
 bitūnde him wiþinnen þe mēidenes wōmbe Mārie. Hire 10
 ƿpre wōrdes wēren þoa hēo cōm & grette Elizabēt hire
 mōwe; & hwat mihte wēnest-tu was icūd ine þēos wōrdes?
 Hwat! Þæt a child bigon vor tō pleien tōgeines ham—þæt
 was sein Jōhan—in his mōder wōmbe. Þe þridde tīme þæt
 hēo spēc, þæt was et te neoces, & þēr, þurh hire bōne, was 15
 water iwēnd tō wīne. Þe vēorþe tīme was þoa hēo hēfde
 imist hire sune, & eft hine iƿōnd. & hū mūchel wunder
 voluwede þēos wōrdes! Þæt God almihti bēih him tō ƿne
 monne, tō ƿne smiþe, & tō ane wūmmone, & foluwude ham,
 ase hore, hwūder-sƿ hēo ēver wolden. Nimeþ nū hēr gēme, 20
 & leorneþ gēorne hēr-bī hū seldcēne spēche haveþ mūche
 strenþe.

Vir lingosus non dirigetur in terra: ‘Veole-iwōrdede
 mon,’ seiþ þe psalmwürhte, ‘ne schal nēver lēden riht lif on
 eorþe.’ Vor-þī hē seiþ elleshwar: *Dixi, custodiam vias meas,* 25
ut non delinquam in lingua mea; & is as þauh hē seide, ‘Ic-
 chülle witen mīne weies mid mīne tūnge warde.’ Wite ich
 wel mīne tūnge, ich mēi wel hōlden þene wei tōuward heo-
 vene; vor ase Isaie seiþ, *Cultus justicie silencium:* ‘þe tilþe
 of rihtwīsnesse, þæt is silence.’ Silence tileþ hire; & hēo itiled 30
 bringeþ forþ sƿule ēche vōde. Vor hēo is undeaplich, ase
 Salomon witneþ: *Justicia immortalis est.* Vor-þī vēieþ Isaie

- hope & silence bōþe tōgēderes; & seiþ þæt in ham schal
stōnden gōstliche strenceþe: *In silencio & spe erit fortitudo*
vestra; þæt is, 'ine silence & ine hope schal bēon ōwer
strenceþe.' Nimeþ gēme hū wel hē seiþ; vor hwō-se is
5 mūche stille, & halt lōnge silence, hēo mēi hopien sikerliche
þæt hwon hēo spekeþ tōward Gode, þæt he hire wūle ihēren.
Hēo mēi ēc hopien þæt hēo schal ēc sīngen þurh hire scilence
swēteliche ine heovene. Þis is nū þe reisūn of þe vēiunge,
hwī Isaie vēieþ hope & silence, & kupleþ bōþe tōgēderes.
- 10 Tēke-þæt hē seiþ ī þen ilke autoritē, þæt ine silence & ine
hope schal bēon ūre strenceþe ine Godes servīse aȝein þes
dēofles turnes & his fōndunges. Auh lōkeþ þurh hwat reisūn.
Hope is a swēte spīce wiþinne þæt heorte, þæt spēteþ ūt al þe
bitter þæt tēt bodi drinkeþ. Auh hwō-se chēouweþ spīces, hēo
- 15 schal tūnen hire mūþ þæt te swōte brēþ & te strenceþe þēr-of
astūnte wiþinnen: auh þēo þæt openeþ hire mūþ mid mūche
maþelunge, & brekeþ silence, hēo spet hope al ūt, & te swōt-
nesse þēr-of, mid worldliche wōrdes; & hēo lēoseþ aȝein þe
vēond gōstliche strenceþe. Vor hwat makeþ ūs strōng vor te
- 20 driēn derf ine Godes servīse, & ine vōndunges tō wrastlen
stalewardliche aȝein þes dēofles swenges? Hwat, būte hope
of hēih mēde? Hope halt þe heorte ihōl, hwat-se þæt vlēschs
drie ōþer þolie; ase me seiþ, gif hope nēre, heorte tōbrēke.
Ā, Jēsu, þīn ōre! Hū stont ham þæt bēoþ þērē ase alle wō
- 25 & weane is, wiþūten hope of ūtcume, & heorte ne mēi ber-
sten? Vor-þī, ase gē wūlleþ hōlden wiþinnen ōu hope, &
þene swōte brēþ of hire þæt gīveþ þe sōule mihte, mid mūþ
itūned chēouweþ hire wiþinnen ōuwer heorte: ne blōwe gē
hire nōut ūt mid maþelinde mūþe, ne mid geoniinde tūteles.
- 30 *Non habeatis linguam vel aures prurientes*; 'Lōkeþ,' seiþ sein
Jerōme, 'þæt gē nabben ġicchinde nōuþer tūnge ne earen';
þæt is tō sigġen, þæt ōu ne lūste nōuþer speken ne ihēren
worldliche spēche. Hider-tō is iseid of ōuwer silence, & hū

ōur spēche schal bēon seldcēne. *Contrariorum eadem est disciplina*: of silence & of spēche nis būte a lōre; & for-þī ine writunge hēo ēorneþ bōþe tōgēderes.

ANGER.

Mīne lēove sūstren, alsō ase gē wel witeþ ōur wittes wiþ-
ūten, alsō over alle þīng lōkeþ þet gē bēon softe wiþinnen, & 5
milde, & ēdmōde, swēte, & swōte-iheorted, & þolemōde
agein wōrd, gif me seiþ on ōu mis, ant werc þet me misdēþ
ōu, lēste gē al vorlēosen. Agein bittre ancren Dauid seiþ þis
vers, *Similis factus sum pellicano solitudinis*, &c. 'Ich am
ase pellicān,' hē seiþ, 'þet wunieþ bī him ōne.' Pellicān is a 10
leanne fuwel, sō weamōd & sō wrēþful þet hit sleaþ ofte vor
grome his ōwune briddes, hwon hēo tēoneþ him, ant þeonne
sōne þēr-ēfter hit bicumeþ swūpe sōri, & makeþ swūpe mūche
mōne, & smit him sūlven mid his bile þet hit slōuh ēr his
briddes mide, & drauhþ ūt blōd of his brēoste, & mit tēt blōd 15
acwikeþ eft his isleine briddes. Þis pellicān is þe weamōde
ancre. Hire briddes þet bēoþ hire gōde werkes, þet hēo
sleaþ ofte mid bile of schearpe wrēþþe. Auh hwon hēo sō
haveþ idōn, dō ase dēþ þe pellicān: ofþünche hit swūpe
sōne, & mid hire ōwune bile bekie hire brēoste; þet is, mid 20
schrifte of hire mūpe þet hēo sūnegede mide & slōuh hire
gōde werkes, drawe þet blōd of sūnne ūt of hire brēoste, þet
is, of þe heorte, þet sōule lif is inne, & sō schulen eft a-
cwikien hire isleiene briddes, þet bēoþ hire werkes. Blōd
bitōcneþ sūnne; vor alsō blēdinde mon is grīslich & atelich 25
ine monnes ēihsiþe, alsō is þe sūnfule bivore Godes ēien.
An ōper half, nō mon ne mei jūggēn blōd wel ēr hit bēo
cōld; alsō is of sūnne. Þeo hwūle þet te heorte walleþ
wiþinnen of wrēþþe, nis þēr nō riht dōm, ne nō riht gūge-

ment; ȝper þeo hwūle þet te lust is hōt tōward ēni sūnne,
 ne miht-tu nōut þeo hwūle dēmen wel hwat hit is, ne hwat þer
 wūle cumen of; auh lēt lust overgōn, & hit te wūle liken.
 Lēt þet hōte acōlen, ase dēp þe þet wūle jūggen blōd, & þū
 5 schalt dēmen al riht þe sūnfule & te sūnne lōdlich & fūl, þet
 te þuhte vēr; & sō mūchel ūvel cumen þer-of þet gif þū hit
 hefdest idōn þeo hwūle þet te hēte ilēste, þet tu schalt dēmen
 þī sūlven wōd, þō þū þer-tōward þouhtest. Þis is of ēverich
 sūnne sōþ.

- 10 *Inpedit ira animam ne possit cernere verum.* ‘Wrēþpe,’ hit
 seiþ, ‘þe-hwūle-þet hit ilēst, ablēndeþ sō þe heorte þet hēo ne
 mei sōþ iknōwen. *Maga quedam est transformans naturam*
humanam. Wrēþpe is a vorschüppild, ase me telleþ ine
 spelles: vor hēo bireaveþ & binimeþ mon his rihte wit, &
 15 chaungeþ al his chēre, & forschüppeþ him vrom mon intō
 bēstes cūnde. Wūmmon wrōþ is wūlvene: & mon wrōþ is
 wulf, ȝper lēun, ȝper ūnicorne. Þe hwūle þet ēver wrēþpe
 is ine wūmmone heorte, þauh hēo versalie, & sigge hire ūres,
 & hire paternostres, & hire āvez, al ne dēp hēo būte þeoteþ:
 20 hēo naveþ būte, ase þeo þet is iwēnd te wūlvene i Godes ēien,
 wūlvene stefne in his swēte earen. *Ira furor brevis est:*
 wrēþpe is a wōdschipe. Wrōþ mon nis hē wōd? Hū lōkeþ
 hē, hū spekeþ hē, hū vareþ his heorte wipinnen him?
 Hwūche bēoþ wipūten alle his lātes? Hē ne icnōweþ nenne
 25 mon. Hū is hē mon þeonne? *Est enim homo animal man-*
suetum natura. Mon is kūndeliche mīlde; auh sō sōne sō
 hē his mildheortnesse vorlēoseþ, hē vorlēoseþ monnes kūnde,
 and wrēþpe, þe vorschüppild, vorschüppeþ him intō bēstes
 kūnde, ase ich ēr seide. And hwat gif ēni ancre, Jēsu Crīstes
 30 spūse, is forschüpped tō wūlvene—nis þet mūche seoruwe?
 Nis þer þeonne būte vorworpen sōne þet rūwe vel abūte þe
 heorte, & mid softe seihtnesse makien hire smēpe & softe, ase

is cūndeliche wūmmone hūde. Vor mid te wūlvene velle
nō þīng þet hēo dēþ nis Gode licwurpe ne icwēme.

Lō hēr azeines wrēþpe monie kūnnes remedies, & frōvren
a mūche vloc, & misliche bōten. Zif me misseiþ þē, þenc
þet tū ert eorpe; ne tōdrauhþ me þe eorpe? ne tōtret me
þe eorpe? ne bispet me þe eorpe? Þauh me dūde sō bī þē,
me dūde þe eorpe rihte. Zif þū berkest azein þū ert hūndes
kūndes; ant zif þū stīngest azean mid attri wōrdes, þū ert
neðdre kūndel, & nōut Crīstes spūse. Þenc, dūde hē sō?
Qui tanquam ovis ductus est ad occisionem, & non aperuit os
suum. Efter alle þe schendfule pīnen þet hē þolede o þe
lōnge vrīniht, me lēdde him a-morwen vor te hōngen o wari-
trēo, & drīven þuruh his fōur limes īrene neīles; ant ‘nan
mōre þen a schēp,’ ase þe hōli writ seiþ, ‘ne cwēþ hē nēver
a wōrd.’

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Þench zet an ōþer half, hwat is wōrd būte wīnd? Tō wōc
hēo is istrencþed þet a wīndes puf of a wōrd mēi avellen, &
aworpen intō sūnne; & hwō nūle þūnchen þeonne wunder of
an ancre þet a wīndes puf of a wōrd avellep? Zet, an ōþer
half, ne scheawep hēo þet hēo is dust, & unstāble þīng, þet
mid a lūtel wīnd of a wōrd is an-ōn tōblōwen & tōbollen?
Þe ilke puf of his mūþ, zif þū hit wurpe under þīne vēt, hit
schulde beren þē upward tōward þe blisse of heovene. Auh
nū is mūche wunder of ūre mūchele un-mēþschipe. Under-
stōndep þis wōrd. Seint Andrēu mūhte ipolien þet te herde
rōde hef him tōward heovene, ant luveliche biclūpte hire.
Seint Lōrens alsō ipolede þet te gredil hef him upwardes mid
berninde glēden. Seinte Stefne ipolede þe stōnes þet me
stēnedē him mide, & undervēng ham glēdliche mid hommen
ivōlden, þet is, cnēolinde; & wē ne muwe nōut ipolien þet
te wīnd of a wōrd bere us tōward heovene, auh bēoþ wōde
azeines ham þet wē schulden þoncken, ase þēo ilke þet

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serveþ us of müche servise, þauh hit bēo hore unþonkes. *Impius vivit pio, velit nolit impius.* Al þæt þe unwrēste & te üvele dēþ for üvele, al is þe gōde to gōde, & al is tō his bihēve, & timbrunge tōuward his blisse. Lēt hine iwurþen,
 5 & tēt glēdliche : breiden þē ane crūne. Þenc hū þe gōde hōli mon, in *vitas patrum*, cūste & blescede þe unwrēste hōnd þæt hefde ihēmed him, & seide sō inwardliche cūssinde hire gēorne ‘Iblesced bēo ēver þēos hōnd, vor hēo haveþ itimbred mē þe bliscen of heovene ;’ & tū sigge alsō bi þe hōnd
 10 þæt misdēþ þē, & bi þe mūþ alsō þæt ōut misseiþ þē, ‘Iblesced bēo þī mūþ,’ þū seie, ‘vor þū makest mē lōme þēr-of tō timbren & tō ēchen mē mīne crūne. Wel is mē vor mīne gōde, & wō is mē þauh for þīn üvel ; vor þū dēst mē gōd, & hērmest þī sūlf.’ Zif ēi mon ōþer ēi wūmmon misseiþ ōþer mis-
 15 dēþ ōu, mīne lēove sūstren, sō zē schulen siggen. Auh nū is müche wunder, zif wē wel bihōldeþ hū Godes halewen þoleden wūnden in hore bodie, & wē bēoþ wōde zif a wīnd blōweþ a lūtel tōuward us, & te ilke wīnd ne wūndeþ nōut būte þe eare ōne. Vor nōuþer ne mēi þe wīnd, þæt is þæt
 20 wōrd, ne wūnden þē i þīne vlēsche, ne fūlen þīne sōule, þauh hit pufte on þē, būte zif þī sūlf hit makie. Bernardus : *Quid irritaris ? quid inflammaris ad verbi flatum, qui nec carnem vulnerat, nec inquinat mentem.* Wel þū mēiht understōnden þæt tēr was lūtel fūr of chēritē þæt lēiteþ al of ūre Lōverdes
 25 luve. Lūtel fūr was tēr þēr-of, þæt a puf acweinte. Vor þēr ase mūchel fūr is, kūndeliche hit waxeþ mid wīnde.

Agein missawe ōþer misdēde, lō, hēr-anont remedie & salve. Alle cunneþ wel þēos asaumple. A mon þæt lēie ine prisūne, & ōuhte müche raunsūn, & o nōne wīse ne schulde ne
 30 ne mūhte ūt, būte zif hit wēre vor te hōngen, ēr hē hefde al his raunsūn fulliche ipaied,—nolde hē cunnen gōd þonc ane monne þæt wurpe upon him a bigürdel full of ponewes vor te

acwīten & areimen him mide, & alēsen him ūt of pīne, þauh
hē wurpe hit ful hērde aȝein his heorte? Al þæt hūrt & al
þæt sōre wēre vorȝiten & forȝiven vor glēdnesse. Al riht o
þisse wīse wē bēoþ alle ine prisūne hēr, & ōwen God greate
dettes of sūnnen; & for-þī wē ȝēieþ tō him i þe paternoster, 5
dimittite nobis debita nostra: ‘Lōverd,’ wē sigȝeþ, ‘forȝif us
ūre dettes, alsō ase wē vorȝiveþ tō ūre dettūrs.’ Wōuh þæt me
misdēþ us, ōþer of wōrd ōþer of werc, þæt is ūre raunsūn
þæt wē schulen areimen us mide, & acwīten ūre dettes tōu-
ward ūre Lōverd, þæt bēoþ ūre sūnnen; vor wiþūte cwitaunce 10
up of his prisūne nis nōn inumen, þæt hē ne biþ anhōnged,
ōþer ine purgatorie, ōþer i þe pīne of helle. Ant ūre Lōverd
sūlf seiþ, *Dimittite, & dimittetur vobis*: ‘forȝif, & ichülle forȝive
þē.’ & is as þauh hē seide, ‘þū ert andetted tōward mē
swūþe mid sūnnen; auh wūltu gōd foreward, al þæt ēver ēni 15
mon misseiþ þē ōþer misdēþ þē, ichülle nimen hit onward
þe dette þæt tū ōwest mē.’ Nū þeonne, þauh a wōrd cülle
þē ful hērde upo þīne heorte, & tē pūncheþ a-vormest þæt hit
hūrteþ þīne heorte, þenc ase þe prisūn wolde þæt wēre ihūrt
sōre mit te bigūrdle, & undervōng hit glēdliche vor te acwīten 20
þē mide, & þonke him þæt hit sende þē, þauh God ne kunne
him nēver þonc of his sōnde. Hē hērmeþ him-sūlf & freomeþ
þē, ȝif þū const hit understōnden. Vor, ase Davīd seiþ
swūþe wel mid alle, ‘God dēþ in his tresōr þēo unwrēste &
te ūele vor te hūren mid ham, ase me dēþ mid garsume þēo 25
þæt wel vihteþ. Eft, an ōþer halve, þe pellicān is a fūel þæt
haveþ an ōþer cūnde; þæt is, þæt hit is ēver leane. Vor-þī ase
ich ēr seide, Davīd efneðe him þēr-tō in ancre persōne, & ine
ancre stefne: *Similis factus sum pellicano solitudinis*. ‘Ich
am a pellicān iliche, þæt wuneþ bī him ōne;’ & ancre ōuh þus, 30
tō sigȝen, & bēon iliche þe pellicān anont þæt hit is leane.
Judit clausa in cubiculo jejunabat omnibus diebus vite sue, &c.
Iūdit bitūnd inne, ase hit telleþ in hire bōc, lēdde swūþe hērd

lif, vęste, & werede heare. Iūdit bitūnd inne bitōcneþ ancre
bitūnd, þet ȝuhte lēden hęrd lif, ase dūde þe lęfdi Iūdit, ęfte
hire efne, & nōut ase swīn ipūnd ine stī vor te vętten & fo
te greaten agein þe cūl of þer eax.

LOVE.

- 5 Seinte Pōwel witneþ þet alle uttre hęrdschipes, & alle
vlesshes pīnunge, & alle līcomes swinckes, al is ase nōu
agean lue, þet schīreþ & brihteþ þe heorte. *Exercitatio*
corporis ad modicum valet; pietas autem valet ad omnia: þet is
'Līcomliche bisischipe is tō lūtel wurþ; auh swōte & schī
10 heorte is gōd tō alle þīnges.' *Si tradidero corpus meum ita*
ut ardeam: si linguis hominum loquar et angelorum; et si dis
tribuero omnes facultates meas in cibos pauperum, caritatem
autem non habeam, nichil mihi prodest. 'Þauh ich kūpe,' hi
seīþ, 'alle monne lędene & englene; and þauh ich dūde
15 mīne bodie alle þe pīnen & alle þe passiūns þet bodi mūhte
þolien; and þauh ich ȝēve pōvre men al þet ich hęfde; bu
ȝif ich hęfde lue þēr-mide tō God & to alle men, in him &
for him, al wēre aspilled;' vor, ase þe hōli abbod Moīse
seide, 'Al þet wō & al þet hęrdschipe þet wē þolieþ of flęsche
20 & al þe gōd þet wē ēver dōþ, alle swūche þīnges ne bēoþ
būten ase lōmen vor te tilien mide þe heorte. Ȝif eax ne
kurve, ne þe spade ne dulve, ne þe suluh ne erede, hwō
kepte ham vor te hōlden?' Alsō ase nō mon ne lueþ
lōmen vor ham sūlven, auh dēþ for þe þīnges þet me wūrcheþ
25 mid ham, riht alsō nō vlesshes derf nis for te luvien būte
vor-þī-þet God þe raþer lōke þiderward mid his grāce, and
makie þe heorte schīr & of brihte sihþe, þet nōn ne mę
habben mid monglunge of unþeauwes, ne mid eorþlich lue
of worldliche þīnges; vor þis mōng wōreþ sō þe ēien of þe

heorte þæt hēo ne mēi iknōwen God, ne glēdien of his sihþe. ‘Schīr heorte,’ ase Seint Bernard seiþ, ‘makeþ twō þīnges : þæt tū, al þæt þū dēst, dō hit ōþer vor lue ōne of God, ōþer vor ōþres gōd, & for his bihēve.’ Have, in al þæt tū dēst, ōn of þeos twō ententes, ōþer bō tōgēderes : vor þe latere valleþ intō þe 5 vorme. Have ēver schīr heorte þus, & dō al þæt tū wūlt ; have wōri heorte, & al þē sit ūvele. *Omnia munda mundis, coinquinatis vero nichil est mundum ;* Apostolus. St. Augustīnus : *Habe karitatem et fac quicquid vis : voluntate, videlicet, rationis.* Vor-þī mīne lēove sūstren, over alle þīng bēoþ bisie vor 10 te habben schīr heorte. Hwat is schīr heorte? Ich hit habbe iseid ēr : þæt is, þæt Ʒē nō þīng ne wilnen, ne ne luvien būte God ōne, and þēo ilke þīnges, vor God, þæt helpeþ ōu tōward him. Vor God, ich sigge, luvien ham, & nōut for ham sūlven—ase mete, & clōþ, and mon ōþer wūmmon þæt Ʒē 15 bēoþ of igōded. Vor, ase Seint Austīn seiþ, & spekeþ þus tō ūre Lōverd, *Minus te amat qui preter te aliquid amat quod non propter te amat :* þæt is, ‘Lōverd, lēsse hēo luvieþ þē þæt luvieþ ōut būte þē, būte Ʒif hēo luvien hit for þē.’ Schīrnesse of heorte is Godes lue ōne. I þisse is al þe strence of 20 alle religiūns, and þe ēnde of alle ordres. *Plenitudo legis est dilectio.* ‘Lue fülleþ þe lawe,’ hē seiþ, Seinte Pōwel. *Quicquid precipitur in sola caritate solidatur.* ‘Alle Godes hēsten,’ ase Seint Gregōrie seiþ, ‘bēoþ ine lue irōted.’ Lue ōne schal bēon ileid ine Seinte Mihēles wēie. Þēo þæt mēst 25 luvieþ, þēo schullen bēon mēst iblisced, nōut þēo þæt lēdeþ herdest lif ; vor lue overweīþ hit. Lue is heovene stīward vor hire mūchele vrēoschipe, vor hēo ne Ʒthalt nō þīng, auh hēo Ʒiveþ al þæt hēo haveþ, & ēc hire sūlven : elles God ne kepte nōut of al þæt hire wēre. 30

God haveþ ofgōn ūre lue on alle künne wīsen. Hē haveþ mūchel idōn us, & mōre bihōten. Mūchel Ʒeove of-

draweþ luve ; me mūchel ȝeƿ hē us : al þene world hē ȝeƿ us
 in Adām ūre veder ; and al þet is i þe worlde hē weƿp under
 ūre vēt—bēstes & fūeles, ear wē wēren vorgülte. *Omnia*
subjecisti sub pedibus ejus, oves et boves universas, insuper et
5 pecora campi, volucres celi et pisces maris, &c. And ȝet al þet
 is, ase is þēr-uppe iseid, serveþ þe gōde, tō þe sōule bihēve ;
 ȝete þe ūvele serveþ eorþe, seea, & sunne. Ȝet hē dūde
 mōre : hē ȝeƿ us nōut ōne of his, auh dūde al him sūlven.
 Sō hēih ȝeove nēs nēver iȝiven tō sō lōuwe wrecches. Apos-
 10 tolus : *Christus dilexit ecclesiam et dedit semetipsum pro ea* :
 Seinte Pōwel seiþ, ‘Crīst luvede sō his lēofmon þet hē ȝeƿ
 for hire þe prīs of him sūlven.’ Nimeþ gōde ȝēme, mīne
 lēove sūstren, vor-hwī me ōuh him tō luvien. Ērest, ase a
 mon þet wōweþ—ase a king þet luvede ōne lēfdi of feorrene
 15 lōnde, and sēnde hire his sōndesmen bivoren, þet wēren þe
 patriarkes & þe prophētes of þe Ōlde Testament, mid lettres
 isealed. A-last hē cōm him sūlven, and brouhte þet gospel
 ase lettres iopened, and wrōt mid his ōwune blōde salūz tō
 his lēofmon of luve-grētunge, vor te wōwen hire mide, & for te
 20 wēlden hire luve. Hēr-tō valleþ a tale, and ōn iwriēn vorbīsne.

A lēfdi was þet was mid hire voan biset al abūten, and hire
 lōnd al destrūed, & hēo al pōvre, wiþinnen ōne eorþene
 castle. Ōn mihti kinges luve was þauh bitūrnd upon hire,
 sō unimete swūpe þet hē vor wōuhlecchunge sēnde hire his
 25 sōnden, ōn efter ōþer, and ofte somed monie ; & sēnde hire
 beaubelez bōpe veole & feire, and sukurs of livenep, & help
 of his hēie hīrd tō hōlden hire castel. Hēo undervēng al ase
 ōn unrecheleas þīng, þet was sō hērd-iheorted þet hire luve
 ne mūhte hē nēver bēon þe nēorre. Hwat wūlt-tu mōre ?
 30 Hē cōm him sūlf a-last, and scheawede hire his feire neb, ase
 þē þet was of alle men veyrest for tō bihōlden, and spēc
 swūpe swēteliche, & sō mūrie wōrdes þet hēo mūhten þe

deade arearen vrom deaþe tō līve. And wrouhte veole wundes, and dūde veole meistrīes bivoren hire ēihsihþe; & scheawede hire his mihten; tōlde hire of his kinēdōme; and bead for tō makien hire cwēne of al þæt hē ȝuhte. Al þis ne help nōut. Neþ þis wunderlich hoker? Vor hēo neþ nēver 5 wurþe vor te bēon his schelchīne. Auh sō, þuruh his debonertē, luve hēfde overkumen hine þæt hē seide on ēnde: ‘Dāme, þū ert iweorred, & þīne vōn bēoþ sō strōnge þæt tū ne meiht nōnes-weis wiþūten sukurs of mē ȝtflēon hore hōnden, þæt hēo ne dōn þē tō scheomefule deaþe. Ichchülle 10 vor þe luve of þē nimen þis fiht upon mē, and aredden þē of ham þæt sēcheþ þīne deaþ. Ich wōt þauh for sōþe þæt ich schal bitwēonen ham undervōngen deaþes wūnde; and ich hit wūlle heorteliche vor tō ofgōn þīne heorte. Nū, þeonne, bisēche ich þē, vor þe luve þæt ich kūþe þē, þæt tū luvie mē, 15 hūre & hūre, ȝfter þen ilke deaþe dead, hwon þū noldes līves.’ Þes king dūde al þus: aredde hire of alle hire vōn, and was himsūlf tō wundre itūked, and isleien on ēnde. Þuruh mirācle, þauh, hē arōs from deaþe tō līve. Nēre þeos ilke lēfdi of ūele kūnnes kūnde, ȝif hēo over alle þīng ne 20 luve him hēr-ȝfter?

Þes king is Iēsu Crīst, Godes sune, þæt al o þisse wīse wōwude ūre sōule, þæt þe dēoflen hēveden biset. And hē, ase nōble wōware, ȝfter monie messagērs, & feole gōddēden, cōm vor tō prēoven his luve, and scheauwede þuruh knihtschipe 25 þæt hē was luvewurþe; ase wēren sumewhūle knihtes iwuned for tō dōnne. Hē dūde him ine turnement, & hēfde vor his lēofmonnes luve his schēld ine vihte, ase kēne kniht, on ȝveriche half ipūrlēd. Þis schēld þæt wrēih his Godhēd was his lēove līcome þæt was isprēd o rōde, brōd ase schēld buven in his 30 istreihite earmes, and nēruh bineoþen, ase þe ȝn vōt, ȝfter-þæt me wēneþ, sēte upon þe oþer vōte. Þæt þis schēld naveþ nōne

sīden is for tō bitōcnen þæt his decīples, þæt schulden stōnden
 bī him, and ibēon his sīden, vluwen alle vrom him, & bilēfden
 him ase vreomede; ase þe gospel seiþ, *Relicto eo, omnes fugerunt*. Þis schēld is iġiven us aġean alle temptaciūns, ase Jeremiē
 5 witneþ: *Dabis scutum cordis, laborem tuum*; & Psalmista: *Scuto bone voluntatis tue corōnasti nos*. Þis schēld ne schilt us
 nōut ōne vrom alle ūveles, auh dēþ ġet mōre: hit krūneþ us
 in heovene. *Scuto bone voluntatis tue*, 'Lōverd,' hē seiþ, Daviþ,
 'mid þe schēlde of þīne gōde wille þū havest ikrūned us.'
 10 Schēld hē seiþ of gōde wille, vor willes hē þolede al þæt hē
 þolede. Ysaia: *Oblatus est quia voluit*. Me, Lōverd, þū
 seist, hwar-tō? Ne mūhte hē mid lēsse grēf habben ared us?
 ġē siker, ful lihtliche; auh hē nolde. Hware-vore? Vor te
 binimen us ēverich bitellunge aġean him of ūre lue, þæt hē
 15 sō dēore bouhte. Me būþ lihtliche a þīng þæt me lueþ
 lūtel. Hē bouhte us mid his heorte blōde—dēorre prīs nes
 nēver—vor te ofdrawen of us ūre lue tōward him, þæt kost-
 nede him sō dēore. Ine schēlde bēoþ þrēo þīnges, þæt trēo,
 and þæt leþer, & þe peintunge. Al sō was i þisse schēlde—
 20 þæt trēo of þe rōde, & þæt leþer of Godes licome, and þe
 peintunge of þe reade blōde þæt hēowede hire sō vēire. Eft,
 þe þridde reisūn. Efter kēne knihtes deape me hōngeþ hēie
 ine chirche his schēld on his mūnegunge. Al sō is þis
 schēld, þæt is, þæt crūcifix, iset ine chirche, ine swūche stūde
 25 þæt me hit sōnest isēo, vor tō þenchen þēr-bī o Jēsu Crīstes
 knihtschipe þæt hē dūde o rōde. His lēofmon bihōlde þēr-
 on hwū hē bouhte hire lue, and lette þūrlen his schēld: þæt
 is, lette openen his sīde vor te scheawen hire his heorte, and
 for tō scheawen hire openliche hwū inwardliche hē luvede
 30 hire, and for tō ofdrawen hire heorte.

Vōur heavedluven me ivint ī þisse worlde: bitwēonen
 gōde ivēren þe vormeste is; bitwēonen mon & wūmmon þe

oþer is; bitwēonen wif & hire child þe þridde is; bitwēonen
 licome & sōule. Þeo lue þet Jēsu Crīst haveþ tō his dēore
 lēofmon overgēþ ham alle vōure, & passeþ ham alle. Ne
 telleþ me him gōd fēolawe þet leiþ his wed ine Ġiwerie vor
 tō acwīten ūt his fēre? God Almihti leide him-sūlf vor us 5
 ine Ġiwerie, and dūde his dēorewurpe bodi vor to acwīten ūt
 his lēofmon of Ġiwene hōnden. Nēver vēre swūch forþede
 ne dūde vor ōwune vēre. Mūchel lue is ofte bitwēonen
 mon & wūmmon. Auh þauh hēo wēre iwedded him, hēo
 mūhte iwurpen sō unwrēst, þet, tauh hēo wolde kumen aȝean, 10
 hē ne kepte hire nōut. And for-þī Crīst lueþ mōre: vor hē
 seiþ al dei, ‘þū þet havest sō unwrēsteliche idōn, bitūrn þē,
 and cum aȝean; wilkume schaltu bēon mē.’ *Immo, et oc-*
currit prodigo venienti. Ȝet hē eorneþ, hit seiþ, aȝean hire
 ȝeankume, and worpeþ earmes an-ōn abūten hire swēore. 15
 Hwat is mōre milce? Nū of þe þridde lue. Child þet
 hevede swūch ūel þet him bihōvede beþ of blōde ēr hit wēre
 ihēled, mūchel luede þe mōder hit þet wolde him þis beþ
 makien. Þis dūde ūre Lōverd us, þet wēren sō sīke of sūnne,
 & sō isūled þēr-mide, þet nō þīng ne mūhte hēlen us ne 20
 clensen us būte his blōd ōne; vor sō hē hit wolde; his lue
 madeke us beþ þēr-of; iblesced bēo hē ēvere! Hē lueþ us
 mōre þen ēni mōder dēþ hire child. Hē hit seiþ him-sūlf
 puruh Isaie: *Nunquid potest mater oblivisci filii uteri sui?*
 ‘Mei mōder vorȝiten hire child?’ hē seiþ, ‘and tauh hēo dō, 25
 ich ne mei vorȝiten nēver:’ and seiþ þe reisūn ēfter, hware-
 vore: *In manibus meis descripsi te.* ‘Ich habbe,’ hē seiþ,
 ‘depeint þē i mīne hōnden.’ Sō hē dūde mid reade blōde
 upo þe rōde. Mon knūt his gūrdel vor te habben þouht of
 ōne þīnge; auh ūre Lōverd, vor hē nolde nēver vorȝiten us, 30
 hē dūde merke of þūrlunge ine bōtwō his hōnden. Nū of þe
 vēorpe lue. Þe sōule lueþ þet bodi swūpe mid alle; & þet
 is ēpcēne i þe twinnunge; vor lēove vrēond bēoþ sōrie hwon

hēo schulen twinnen. Auh ūre Lōverd willeliche tōtweamede his sōule vrom his bodie vor tō vēien ūre bōþe tōgederes, world ā būten ānde, i þe blisse of heovene. Þus, lō! Jēsu Crīstes lueve tōward his dēore spūse, þet is, hōli chirche, 5
 5 ȝper þe cleane sōule, passeþ alle, & overkumep þe vōur mōste luven þet me ivint on eorþe. Mid al þisse lueve ȝet hē wōweþ hire o þisse wīse.

‘Þī lueve,’ hē seiþ, ūre Lōverd, ‘ȝper hēo is for tō ȝiven allunge, ȝper hēo is for tō sullen, ȝper hēo is for tō reaven & 10
 10 tō nimen mid strenche. Ȝif hēo is for tō ȝiven, hwar meȝht-tu bitēon hire betere þen upon mē? Nam ich þīnge vēirest? Nam ich kinge rīchest? Nam ich hēixst ikūnned? Nam ich weore wīsest? Nam ich monne hēndest? Nam ich monne vrēoest? Vor sō me seiþ bī large monne, þet hē ne 15
 15 con nōut ȝthōlden—þet hē haveþ þe hōnden, ase mīne bēoþ, ipūrlēd. Nam ich alre þīnge swōtest & swētest? Þus, alle þe reisūns hwui me ȝuh for tō ȝiven lueve þū meȝht ivīnden in mē; nomeliche, ȝif þū luvest chāste clēnnesse; vor nōn ne meȝ luvien mē būte hēo hōlde hire. Ȝif þī lueve nis nōut for 20
 20 tō ȝiven, auh wūlt allegate þet me būgge hire; dō, seie hwui: ȝper mid ȝper lueve ȝper mid sumhwat elles? Me sülleþ wel lueve vor lueve; and sō me ȝuh for tō sullen lueve, & for nōne þīnge elles. Ȝif þīn lueve is sō tō sullen, ich habbe ibouht hire mid lueve over alle ȝpre. Vor of þe vōur mēste luven 25
 25 ich habbe ikūd tōward þē þe mēste of ham alle. And ȝif þū seiþ þet tū nūlt nōut lēten þēr-on sō liht cheap, auh wūltu ȝet mōre; nem hwat hit schule bēon: sete feor o þīne lueve. Þū ne schalt siggen sō mūchel þet ich nülle ȝiven þē, vor þīne lueve, mūchele mōre. Wūltu kastles and kinedōmes? 30
 30 Wūltu wēlden al þene world? Ichchülle dōn þē betere: ichchülle makien þē, mid al þis, cwēne of heovene. Þū schalt bēon seovenvōld brihtre þen þe sunne; nōn ūel ne schal

hermen þē; nō þīng ne schal sweamen þē; nō wūnne ne
 schal wonten þē; al þī wille schal bēon iwrouht in heovene
 & in eorþe; Ʒē, and Ʒet ine helle. Ne schal nēver heorte
 þenchen swūch sēluhþe, þet ich nulle Ʒiven vor þīne luve
 unimetelīche and unēdelīche mōre: al Krēsules weole; 5
 and Absalōnes schēne wlite, þet ase ofte ase me evesede him,
 me sōlde his evesunge—þēo hēr þet me kērf of—vor twō
 hundred sicles of seolvre; Asaēles swiftschipe, þet strōf wip
 heortes overūrn; Samsōnes strençþe, þet slōuh a þūsund of
 his fōn al et ōne tīme, & ōne, būte vēre; Cēsares vrēoschipe; 10
 Alisaundres herewōrd; Moisēs heale. Nolde a mon, vor
 ōn of þēos, Ʒiven al þet he ōuhte? And alle þēos þīnges
 somed, aƷean mīne bode, ne bēoþ nōut wurþ a nēlde. And,
 Ʒif þū ert sō swūþe ōnwil, & sō ūt of þīne witte þet tū, þuruh
 nōut tō vorlēosen, vorsakest swūch bigeate mid alle kūnnes 15
 sēluhþe, lō! ich hōlde hēr hetel swēord over þīn heaved, vor
 tō dealen lif & sōule, and tō bisenchen bōtwō intō þe fūr of
 helle. Onswere nū, & were þē, Ʒif þū konst, aƷean mē, ōþer
 Ʒētte mē þīne luve þet ich Ʒīrne sō swūþe, nōut for mīne,
 auh for þīn ōwune mūchele bihēve. 20

Lō! þus ūre Lōverd wōweþ. Nis hēo tō hērd-iheorted
 þet a swūch wōware ne mei tūrnēn hire luve tō him? and
 nomelīche Ʒif hēo þencheþ þēos þrēo þīnges: hwat hē is;
 and hwat hēo is; & hwū mūchel is þe luve of sō hēih ase hē
 is tōward sō lōuh ase hēo is. Vor-þī seiþ þe psalmwūruhte: 25
Non est qui se abscondat a calore ejus. Nis nōn þet muwe
 etlūtien þet hēo ne mōt him luvien. Þe sōþe sunne i þe un-
 derntid was for-þī istien on hēih o þe hēie rōde vor tō
 sprēden over al hōte luvegleames; þus nēodful hē was, & is
 vort tisse dēie, tō ontēden his luve in his lēoves heorte, and 30
 seiþ i þe gospels: *Ignem veni mittere in terram, et quid volo
 nisi ut ardeat?* ‘Ich cōm,’ hē seiþ, ‘vor tō brīngen fūr intō

eorþe, þæt is, berninde luve intō eorþliche heorten, & hwat
 ȝirne ich elles būte þæt hit blasie? Wlēch luve is him lōþ,
 ase hē seiþ þuruh Sein Jōhan i þe Apocalipse: *Utinam frigi-*
5 de ore meo. ‘Ich wolde,’ hē seiþ tō his lēofmon, ‘þæt tū
 wēre i mīne luve ȝþer allunge cōld, ȝþer hōt mid alle; auh
 for-þī-þæt tū ert ase wlēch bitwēonen twō, nōuþer cōld ne hōt,
 þū makest mē vor tō wlatien; and ichchülle spēouwen þē ūt,
 būte ȝif þū iwurþe hattre.’

10 Nū ȝē habbeþ iherd, mīne lēove sūstren, hū, & for hwī,
 God is swūþe tō luvien. And, for tō ontēnden ōu wel,
 gēdereþ wude þēr-tō, mid þe pōvre wūmmon of Sarepte þe
 buruh, þæt speleþ ontēndunge: *En, inquit, colligo duo ligna.*
 ‘Lōverd,’ cwēþ hēo tō Elie, þe hōlie prophēte, ‘lō! ich gē-
 15 dere twō trēon.’ Þēos twō trēon bitōcneþ þæt ȝ trēou þæt
 stōd upriht, and tēt ȝþer ēk þæt ēode þwert-over of þe dēore
 rōde. Of þēos twō trēon ȝē schulen ontēnden fūr of luve
 wiþinnen ōwer heorte. Bisēoþ ofte tōuward ham. Þencheþ
 ȝif ȝē ne ȝwen eaþe to luvien þene king of blisse þæt tōspreit
 20 sō tōuward ōu his ȝermes, and būhþ, ase vor tō bēoden cos,
 adūneward his heaved. Sikerliche ich siȝge hit, þæt ȝif þe
 sōþe Elie, þæt is, God Almihti, ivint ōu þēos twō trēon bisi-
 liche gēderinde, hē wūle gistnen mid ōu, and monivōlden in
 ōu his dēorewurþe grāce, ase Elie dūde þe pōvre wūmmone
 25 liveneþ, and gistnede mid hire þæt hē ivōnd þe twō trēon
 gēderinde i Sarepte.

THE NUNS ARE TO KEEP NO BEAST BUT A CAT.

Ȝē, mīne lēove sūstren, ne schulen habben nō bēst, būte
 kat ȝne. Ancre þæt haveþ ēihte þūncheþ bet hūsewif, ase
 Marthe was, þen ancre; ne nōne-weis ne mei hēo bēon Mārie

mid griþfulnesse of heorte. Vor þeonne mōt hēo þenchen
of þe kūes foddre, and of hēordemonne huire, ōluhnen þene
hēiward, warien hwon me pūnt hire, & Ʒēlden, þauh, þe
hērmes. Wāt Crīst, þis is lōdlich þīng hwon me makeþ
mōne in tūne of ancre ēihte. Þauh, Ʒif ēni mōt nēde habben 5
kū, lōke þet hēo nōne monne ne eilie, ne ne hērmie; ne
þet hire þouht ne bēo nōut þēr-on iƷestned. Ancre ne ōuh
nōut tō habben nō þīng þet drawe ūtward hire heorte. Nōne
cheffare ne drīve Ʒē. Ancre þet is cheapild, hēo cheapeþ
hire sōule þe chēpmon of helle. Ne wite Ʒē nōut in ōure 10
hūse of ōþer monnes þīnges, ne ēihte, ne clōþes; ne nōut ne
undervō Ʒē þe chirche vestimenz, ne þene caliz, būte Ʒif
strenče hit makie, ōþer mūchel eie · vor of swūche witunge
is ikumen mūchel ūel ofte-sīþen.

NOTES.

The *Ancren Riwele*, 'Rule of Nuns,' consists of rules of life and conduct addressed to three nuns, sisters, by a learned ecclesiastic. It appears to be an original English composition, not a translation from French or Latin.

19. 2. *schulen*, 'have to go,' the verb of motion being omitted, as it frequently is after *shall, will, must*. Cp. l. 3. *hwon 3ē alles mōten vorþ*.

6. *þet hē ȝuh tō siggen, hercneþ his wōrdes*. 'Listen to his words, whatever he has to say.'

8. *ower gōd*. 'What is good in you.'

20. 11. *schulden*. The plur., instead of the sing. *schulde*, which we should expect after the sing. *þet gōd*, is due to the preceding plurals *ȝiren* and *briddes*.

21. 23. *ancre* and *hūses lēfdi ȝuh mūche tō bēon bitwēonen*. 'There ought to be a great difference between the lady of a house and a nun.'

24. 16. *slit* from *slīden*.

24. *bit*, the sing. instead of the plur. *biddeþ*, is the result of the preceding *wē* being confused with *me*, 'one.'

27. 22. *dō*, subj., 'let her do.'

28. 7. *liken*. Mr. Stoffel proposes to read *blīken* = Old-English *blīcan*, 'appear,' 'be manifest.'

10. *cumen* seems to be governed by the preceding *schalt*; otherwise we must read *cumeþ*.

23. *al ne dēþ hēo būte pēotep*. 'She only howls;' literally, 'entirely does she nothing except that she howls.'

29. 4. *nis þēr þeonne būte vorworpen*. 'There is nothing to do in that case but to throw off.'

34. 14. *seea* = *sea*, *sē*.

39. 1. *dō, seie hwui*. 'Do tell me why,' literally, 'do something, viz. say why.'

THE ORMULUM.

(East Midland Dialect, about 1200.)

GRAMMAR.

ALTHOUGH the Ormulum is probably even older than the Ancren Riwe, the existing MS. being in the author's own hand, its grammar is much simpler, while the vocabulary shows hardly any French, but considerable Norse, influence.

SPELLING AND SOUNDS.

The most characteristic feature of Orm's spelling is the consistency with which he has introduced double consonants to show shortness of the preceding vowel. This he does regularly whenever the consonant is final, or followed by another consonant, as in *þatt*, *crisstenndom*; and he was able to do so because the O.E. distinction between double and single final consonants was lost (see p. 3); where the consonant is followed by a vowel, as in *sune* 'son,' it was not possible to double the consonant, because in that position it would have been pronounced double, so that *sune* would have been confounded with *sunne* 'sun.' But in such cases he often puts a short mark over the vowel, as in *tākenn* 'to take,' *chēle* 'chill,' or an accent to show length, as in *lāre* 'lore,' which is often doubled, or even trebled, especially before *t*.

We have a further guide to the quantity. Every second line of Orm's verse ends in an unaccented syllable, preceded by an accented one, which is always long, either by having two consonants, as in *sette*, *wille*, or, if there is but one consonant, a long vowel, as in *wīse*, *writenn*, *mōderr*; such words as *writenn* 'written,' *faderr*, never come at the end of the line in the Ormulum.

The spelling of the Orm. shows hardly any French influence. But *c* sometimes = *ts*, as in *millcenn* 'pity.' The O.E. *æ* is kept to denote the long *ē*, and, like the *ea* of the A.R., is never used for short *e*. The O.E. *f* is kept, though in this dialect it probably had, together with *þ* (*ð* occurs very seldom in the Orm.) and *s*, the present voiceless sound initially. *sh* is written for the *sch* of the A.R. The diphthongs are written with *ȝ* and *w* instead of *i* and *u*. *y* is equivalent to *i*, as in *Cherubȝn*.

The following are the main points in which the sounds of the Orm. differ from those of the A.R.

O.E. *ā* is kept unchanged, except that it is sometimes shortened, as in *hāl* 'whole,' *hallȝhenn* 'hallow.'

O.E. short *æ*, *ea* regularly become *a*, as in *þatt* 'that,' *affterr* 'after,' *harrd* (O.E. *heard*) 'hard.' Also in the diphthong *aȝȝ* = *ai*, as in *daȝȝ* (O.E. *dæg*) 'day.'

O.E. *y*, *ȝ* become *i*, *ī* as in *sinne* 'sin,' *kīþenn* 'make known.'

eo, *ēo* are also written without the *o*, and are, perhaps, to be pronounced as simple *e*, *ē*.

In the consonants we find the medial *w* (=O.E. *g*) of the A.R. represented by *ȝh* (*hȝh*), as in *āȝhenn* 'own' adj., *folȝhenn* 'follow,' probably with the open sound of German *g* in *sagen*. After *e* and *i*, where A.R. has *i*, as in *lēȝhenn* (*lien*, A.R.) 'tell lies,' *berrȝhen* 'save,' it probably had a more palatal sound. *ȝh* in *ȝhō* 'she' (O.E. *hēo*) probably

represented the sound of German *ch* in *ich*. *j* has the sound of our consonant *y*, as in *Jūdisck* 'Jewish.'

The Orm. has *k* or *c* instead of the *ch* of the A. R. in many words, such as *kirrke* 'church,' *whille* 'which.'

The change of *þatt þatt* into *þatt tatt*, &c. is carried out with perfect regularity in the Orm.

The metre of the Orm. requires that a final vowel should be dropped before a word beginning with a vowel, or such a subordinate word as *hiss* 'his,' whose *h* was probably silent. Sometimes the vowel is dropped in writing, sometimes not.

INFLECTIONS.

The substantives have lost nearly all traces of grammatical gender, and are mostly declined as in Mod. E.: *wōrd*, for instance, having no inflection but *wōrdess* for the gen. sing. and the plural; *mann* has gen. sing. *mannes*, plur. *menn*, gen. pl. *menness*. A dative in *-e* sometimes occurs, as in *tō manne*, *tō lāke* 'for a sacrifice.' The fem. gen. sing. in *-e* also occurs in such collocations as *ūre sāwle nēde* 'our soul's need.' *þēod* 'people' keeps the O. E. plur. *þēode*. *þīng* 'thing' has plur. *þīnge* as well as *þīngess*. *wāwe* 'woe' still has a weak plur. *wāwenn*. Among the irregular plurals note *chīld* 'child,' *chilldre*; *gāt* 'goat,' *gæt*.

The only inflection that the adjectives retain is the *e* of the plural and of the weak declension, as in *mīne wōrdess*, *þatt lāþe flocc* 'the hateful multitude.' *ōþerr* 'other' is always strong: *þatt ōþerr bucc* 'the other he-goat.'

The pronouns are as follows:—

icc, *ī* 'I,' *mē*; *wē*, *uss*.

þū 'thou,' *þē*; *3ē*, *3ūw*.

hē 'he,' *himm*; *itt* 'it,' *himm* and *itt*; *ʒhō* 'she,' *hire*; *þeʒʒ* 'they,' *þeʒʒm*.

The Orm. also preserves the two old duals, of which only the first occurs in our extracts: *witt* 'we-two,' *unnc*. Dual pronouns govern the verb in the plural: *witt shulenn* 'we shall.'

The possessives are :—

mī(n), *þī(n)*; *ūre*, *ʒūre*; *hiss*, *hire*; *þeʒʒre* and *he(o)re*, together with the dual *unnkerr* 'of us-two.'

The def. art. is *þe* and *þatt*, and is undeclined.

In the verbs the most characteristic feature is the plural pres. as well as pret. in *-en* instead of the *-eþ* of the A. R.: *witt hafenn* 'we-two have' (A. R. *habbeþ*), the *n* being dropped when the pronoun follows: *hæfe wē*, *cōme þeʒʒ* 'came they.' The old *-þ* is preserved in the imper.: *bēþ* 'be ye!' The *n* of the infin. and the partic. pret. of the strong verbs is never dropped. The gerund has the same form as the infin.: *tō bēn*. The partic. pret. drops the original *ge-*.

The second conj. of weak verbs drops its *i* throughout: *icc lufe* 'I love,' *þeʒʒ lufenn* 'they love.'

Verbs in whose conjugation *bb* originally interchanged with *f*, sometimes keep the former, but generally substitute *f* for it: *habben*, *hafen* 'to have,' *icc habbe*, *icc hæfe*, &c.

Many of the preterites of the strong verbs still keep the old vowel-change in the 2nd pers. pret. sing. and the plur. indic. together with the pret. subj., as in *comm* 'came' *þu cōme*, *we cōmenn*, *gaff* 'gave,' subj. sing. *gæfe*, *ʒæfe*. Sometimes the 2nd pers. sing. pret. indic. has the same form as the other persons of the pret. sing. indic., as in *þū badd* from *biddenn* 'pray,' 'ask.'

The following strong verbs whose forms differ from those of the A. R. should be noted : i. *lætenn* 'let' pret. *lēt*.
 ii. *wasshenn* 'wash,' *wessh*. iii. *wurɾbenn* 'happen,' *warrɾ*,
 pret. plur. and pret. partic. *wurɾbenn*; *ēornenn* 'run,' *rann*.
 iv. *cumenn* 'come,' *comm*, plur. *cōmenn*. v. *sēon*, *sēn* 'see,'
sahh, *sæɟhenn*, pret. partic. *seɟhenn*, *sēne*. vii. *drēɟhenn* 'suffer,'
drāh.

The following forms of the pret.-present verbs also deserve notice :—

shall, *shallt*, *shulenn*; *sholldē*.

(*hē*) *wile*, *willt*, *wilenn*; *wollde*; infin. *wilenn*.

mazz 'can,' *mihht* (*mahht*), *muɟhenn*; *mihhte*.

In the anomalous verbs note the plur. *sinndenn* 'are,' for which *bēon*, *bēn* also occurs, and *ganngenn*, *gān* 'go' pret. *ɟēde*.



EXTRACTS.

DEDICATION.

Nū, brōþerr Wallterr, brōþerr mīn
affterr þe flæshess kīnde;
Ʒ¹ brōþerr mīn ī Crisstenndōm
þurh fulluhht Ʒ þurh trowwþe;
Ʒ brōþerr mīn ī Godess hūs,
Ʒēt ō þe þridde wīse,
þurh þatt witt hafenn tākenn bā
ān reƷhellbōc tō follƷhenn,
unnderr kanunnkess hād Ʒ lif,
swā-summ Sannt Awwstīn sette;
icc hafe dōn swā-summ þū badd,
Ʒ fōrþedd tē þīn wille,
icc hafe wennd inntill Ennglissh
goddspelless hallƷhe lāre,
affterr þatt little witt þatt mē
mīn Drihhtīn hafeþþ lēnedd.
þū þohhtesst tatt itt mihhte wēl
till mikell frame turrnenn,
Ʒiff Ennglissh folc, forr lufe off Crīst,
itt wollde Ʒērne lērnenn,
Ʒ follƷhenn itt, Ʒ fillenn itt
wiþþ þohht, wiþþ wōrd, wiþþ dēde.

¹ = annd.

7 forr-þī ʒerrndesst tū þatt icc
 þiss werre þē shollde wirrkenn ;
 7 icc itt hafe fōrþedd tē, 25
 acc all þurh Crīstess hellpe ;
 7 unnc birrþ bāþe þannkenn Crīst
 þatt itt iss brohht till ānde.
 icc hafe sammnedd ō þiss bōc
 þā Goddspelless nēh alle, 30
 þatt sinndenn ō þe messebōc
 inn all þe ʒēr att messe.
 7 aʒʒ affterr þe Goddspell stannt
 þatt tatt te Goddspell mēneþþ,
 þatt mann birrþ spellenn tō þe folc 35
 off þeʒʒre sāwle nēde ;
 7 ʒēt tær tēkenn māre inōh
 þū shallt tæronne fīndenn,
 off þatt tatt Crīstess hallʒhe þēd
 birrþ trowwenn wēl 7 follʒhenn. 40
 Icc hafe sett hēr ō þiss bōc
 amāng Goddspelless wōrdess,
 all þurh mē sellfenn, manīʒ wōrd
 þe rīme swā tō fillenn ;
 acc þū shallt fīndenn þatt mīn wōrd, 45
 eʒʒwhær þær itt iss ēkedd,
 maʒʒ hellpenn þā þatt rēdenn itt
 tō sēn 7 t'unnderrstanndenn
 all þess te bettere, hū þeʒʒm birrþ
 þe Goddspell unnderrstanndenn ; 50
 7 forr-þī trowwe icc þat tē birrþ
 wēl polenn mīne wōrdess,
 eʒʒwhær þær þū shallt fīndenn hemm
 amāng Goddspelless wōrdess.

7 unnc birrþ bāpe lofenn Godd
 off þatt itt wass bigunnenn,
 7 þannkenn Godd tatt itt iss brohht
 till ānde þurh hiss hellpe : 90
 forr itt maꝝꝝ hellpenn alle þā
 þatt blīpelike itt hērenn,
 7 lufenn itt, 7 follꝝhenn itt
 wiþþ þohht, wiþþ wōrd, wiþþ dēde.
 7 whā-se wilenn shall þiss bōc 95
 Effť ōþerr sīpe wřitenn,
 himm bidde icc þatt hē't wřite rihht,
 swā-summ þiss bōc himm tæcheþþ,
 all þwerřt-ūt affťerr-þatt itt iss
 uppō þiss firrste bīsne, 100
 wiþþ all swillc rīme alls hēr iss sett,
 wiþþ all se fele wōrdess ;
 7 tatt hē lōke wēl þatt hē
 ān bōcstaff wřite twiꝝꝝess,
 eꝝꝝwhær þær itt uppō þiss bōc 105
 iss wřitenn ō þatt wīse.
 Lōke hē wēl þatt hē't wřite swā,
 forr hē ne maꝝꝝ nohht elless
 onn Ennglissh wřitenn rihht te wōrd,
 þatt wite hē wēl tō sōpe. 110
 7 ġiff mann wile wřitenn whī
 icc hafe dōn þiss dēde,
 whī icc till Ennglissh hafe wennd
 Goddspelless hallꝝhe lāre ;
 icc hafe itt dōn forr-þī-þatt all 115
 Crisstene follkess berrhless
 iss lāng uppō þatt ān, þatt teꝝꝝ
 Goddspelless hallꝝhe lāre

- wipþ fulle mahhte follzhe rihht
 þurh þohht, þurh wōrd, þurh dēde. 120
 Forr all þatt æfre onn ērþe iss nēd
 Crisstene folc tō follzhenn
 ī trowwþe, ī dēde, all tæcheþþ hemm
 Goddspelless hallzhe lāre.
 7 forr-þī whā-se lērneþþ itt 125
 7 follzheþþ itt wipþ dēde,
 hē shall onn ēnde wurrþī bēn
 þurh Godd tō wurrþenn bōrrzhenn.
 7 tærfore hafe icc turrnedd itt
 inntill Ennglisshe spæche, 130
 forr-þatt ī wollde blīpelīz
 þatt all Ennglisshe lēde
 wipþ ære sholde lisstenn itt,
 wipþ herrte sholde itt trowwenn,
 wipþ tūnge sholde spellenn itt, 135
 wipþ dēde sholde itt follzhenn,
 tō winnenn unnderr Crisstenndōm
 att Godd sōþ sāwle berrhless.
 7 giff þeƷƷ wilenn hērenn itt,
 7 follzhenn itt wipþ dēde, 140
 icc hafe hemm hollpenn unnderr Crīst
 tō winnenn þeƷƷre berrhless.
 7 ī shall hafenn for mīn swinn.
 gōd læn att Godd onn ēnde,
 giff þatt ī, forr þe lufe off Godd 145
 7 forr þe mēde off heffne,
 hemm hafe itt inntill Ennglissh wennd
 forr þeƷƷre sāwle nēde.
 7 giff þeƷƷ all forrwerppenn itt,
 itt turrneþþ hemm till sinne, 150

7 i shall hafenn addledd mē
 þe Lāferd Crīstess āre,
 þurh-þatt icc hafe hemm wrohht tiss bōc
 tō þeʒʒre sāwle nēde,
 þohh þatt teʒʒ all forrwerppenn itt 155
 þurh þeʒʒre mōdiʒnesse.
 Goddspell onn Ennglissh nemmnedd iss
 gōd wōrd, 7 gōd tīpennde,
 gōd errnde, forr-þī-þatt itt wass
 þurh hallʒhe Goddspellwrihhtess 160
 all wrohht 7 wriʒenn uppō bōc
 off Crīstess firrste cōme,
 off hū sōþ Godd wass wurppenn mann
 forr all mannkinne nēde,
 7 off-þatt mannkinn þurh hiss dæp 165
 wass lēsedd ūt off helle,
 7 off-þatt hē wisslike rās
 þe þridde dazʒ off dæþe,
 7 off-þatt hē wisslike stāh
 þā siþþenn upp till heffne, 170
 7 off-þatt hē shall cumenn efft
 tō dēmenn alle þēde,
 7 forr tō ʒēldenn iwhillc mann
 affterr hiss āʒhenn dēde.
 Off all þiss gōd uss brinngeþþ wōrd 175
 7 errnde 7 gōd tīpennde
 Goddspell, 7 forr-þī mazʒ itt wēl
 gōd errnde bēn ʒehātenn.
 Forr mann mazʒ uppō Goddspellbōc
 gōdnessess findenn seffne, 180
 þatt ūre Lāferd Jēsu Crīst
 uss hafeþþ dōn onn ērþe,

þurh þatt hē comm tō manne, 7 þurh
þatt hē warp mann onn ērpe.

Forr ān gōdnesse uss hafeþþ dōn 185
þe Lāferd Crīst onn ērpe,

þurh-þatt hē comm tō wurrþenn mann
forr all mannkinne nēde.

Operr gōdnesse uss hafeþþ dōn
þe Lāferd Crīst onn ērpe, 190

þurh-þatt hē was ī flumm Jorrdān
fullhtnedd forr ūre nēde ;

forr-þatt hē wollde uss waterrkinn
till ūre fulluhht hallghenn,
þurh-þatt hē wollde bēn himm-sellf 195
onn ērpe ī waterr fullhtnedd.

þe þridde gōd uss hafeþþ dōn
þe Lāferd Crīst onn ērpe,
þurh-þatt hē ȝaff hiss āghenn lif
wiþþ all hiss fulle wille, 200

tō þolenn dæp ō rōdetrē
sacclæs wiþþūtenn wrihhte,
tō lēsenn mannkinn þurh hiss dæp
ūt off þe dēfless wāldē.

þe fērpe gōd uss hafeþþ dōn 205
þe Lāferd Crīst onn ērpe,

þurh-þatt hiss hallghe sāwle stāh
frā rōde dūn till helle,

tō tākenn ūt off helle wā
þā gōde sāwless alle, 210

þatt haffdenn cwemmd himm ī þiss lif
þurh sōþ unnshapīȝnesse.

þe fífte gōd uss hafeþþ dōn
 þe Lāferrd Crīst onn ērþe,
 þurh-þatt hē rās forr ūre gōd 215
 þe þridde dazg off dæþe,
 7 lēt te posstless sēn himm wēl
 inn hiss menniske kīnde;
 forr-þatt hē wollde fesstnenn swā
 sōþ trowwþe ī þezgre brēstess 220
 off-þatt hē, wiss tō fulle sōþ,
 wass risenn upp off dæþe,
 7 ī þatt illke flæsh þatt wass
 forr uss ō rōde nazgled; d;
 forr-þatt hē wollde fesstnenn wēl 225
 þiss trowwþe ī þezgre brēstess;
 hē lēt te posstless sēn himm wēl
 well offte-sīþe onn ērþe,
 wiþþinnenn dazgess fowwerriȝ
 frā-þatt hē rās off dæþe. 230
 þe sexte gōd uss hafeþþ dōn
 þe Lāferrd Crīst onn ērþe,
 þurh-þatt hē stāh forr ūre gōd
 upp inntill heffness blisse,
 7 sennde sippenn Hālīȝ Gāst 235
 till hise Lērninngcnihtess,
 tō frōfrenn 7 tō bēldenn hemm
 tō stanndenn ȝæn þe dēfell,
 tō gifenn hemm gōd witt inōh
 off all hiss hallȝhe lāre, 240
 tō gifenn hemm gōd lusst, gōd mahht,
 tō þolenn alle wāwenn,
 all forr þe lufe off Godd, 7 nohht
 forr ērþliȝ loff tō winnenn.

þe seffnde gōd uss shall ȝēt dōn 245
 þe Lāferrd Crīst onn ēnde,
 þurh-þatt hē shall ō Dōmess-daȝȝ
 uss gifenn heffness blisse,
 ȝiff þatt wē shulenn wurrþī bēn
 tō findenn Godess āre. 250
 Þuss hafeþþ ūre Lāferrd Crīst
 uss dōn gōdnessess seffne,
 þurh-þatt-tatt hē tō manne comm,
 tō wurrþenn mann onn ērþe.
 ȝ ō þatt hallȝhe bōc þatt iss 255
 apokalypsis nemmnedd
 uss wrāt te posstell Sannt Jōhān,
 þurh Hālīȝ Gāstess lāre,
 þatt hē sahh upp inn heffne ān bōc
 bisett wiþþ seffne innseȝȝless, 260
 ȝ sperrd swā swīpe wēl þatt itt
 ne mihhte nān wihht oppnenn;
 wiþþūtenn Godess hallȝhe Lāmb
 þatt hē sahh ēc inn heffne.
 ȝ þurh þā seffne innseȝȝless wass 265
 rihht swīpe wēl bitācnedd
 þatt sefennfāld gōdleȝȝc þatt Crīst
 uss dide þurh hiss cōme;
 ȝ tatt nān wihht ne mihhte nohht
 oppnenn þā seffne innseȝȝless, 270
 wiþþūtenn Godess Lāmb, þatt comm,
 forr-þatt itt sholde tācnenn
 þatt nān wihht, nān enngell, nān mann,
 ne nāness kinness schaffte,
 ne mihhte þurh himm sellfenn þā 275
 seffne gōdnessess shæwenn

ō mannkinn, swā þatt itt mannkinn
 off helle mihhte lēsenn,
 ne gifenn mannkinn lusst, ne mahht,
 tō winnenn heffness blisse.

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ȝ all allswā-se Godess Lāmb,
 all þurh hiss āȝhenn mahhte,
 lihhtlike mihhte ȝ wēl inōh
 þā seffne innseȝzless oppnenn,
 all swā þe Lāferrd Jēsu Crīst,
 all þurh hiss āȝhenn mahhte,
 wiþþ Faderr ȝ wiþþ Hālīȝ Gāst
 ān Godd ȝ all ān kīnde,
 allswā rihht hē lihhtlike inōh

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ȝ wēl wiþþ alle mihhte
 ō mannkinn þurh himm sellfenn þā
 seffne gōdnessess shæwenn,
 swā þatt hē mannkinn wēl inōh
 off helle mihhte lēsenn,
 ȝ gifenn mannkinn lufe ȝ lusst,
 ȝ mahht ȝ witt ȝ wille,
 tō stanndenn inn tō cwēmenni Godd,
 tō winnenn heffness blisse.

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ȝ forr þatt hālīȝ Goddspellbōc
 all þiss gōdnesse uss shæweþþ,
 þiss sefennfāld gōdleȝȝc þatt Crīst
 uss dide þurh hiss āre,
 forr-þī birrþ all Crisstene folc
 Goddspelless lāre follȝhenn.

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ȝ tærfore hafe icc turnedd itt
 inntill Ennglisshe spæche,

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forr þat ī wollde blīpelīȝ
 þatt all Ennglisshe lēde
 wīpþ ære sholde lisstenn itt,
 wīpþ herrte sholde itt trowwenn, 310
 wīpþ tūnge sholde spellenn itt,
 wīpþ dēde sholde itt follȝhenn,
 tō winnenn unnderr Crisstenndōm
 att Crīst sōþ sāwle berrhless.
 ȝ Godd Allmahhtīȝ ȝife uss mahht 315
 ȝ lusst ȝ witt ȝ wille,
 tō follȝhenn þiss Ennglisshe bōc
 þatt all iss hālīȝ lāre,
 swā þatt wē mōtenn wurrþī bēn
 tō brūkenn heffness blisse. 320

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Icc þatt tiss Ennglissh hafe sett
 Ennglisshe menn tō lāre,
 icc was þær, þær ī crisstnedd wass,
 Orrmīn bī name nemmnedd.
 ȝ icc Orrmīn full inwarrdlīȝ 325
 wīpþ mūþ ȝ ēc wīpþ herrte
 hēr bidde þā Crisstene menn,
 þatt hērenn ōþerr réden
 þiss bōc, hemm bidde icc hēr þatt teȝȝ
 forr mē þiss bede biddenn, 330
 þatt brōþerr þatt tiss Ennglissh writt
 allr-æresst wrāt ȝ wrohhte,
 þatt brōþerr forr hiss swinnc tō læn
 sōþ blisse móte findenn.

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- 7 nū icc wile shæwenn gūw 962
 summ dēl, wiþþ Godess hellpe,
 off þatt Jūdißskenn follkess lāc
 þatt Drihhtīn wass full cwēme, 965
 7 mikell hellpe tō þe folc,
 tō læredd 7 tō læwedd,
 biforenn þatt te Lāferd Crīst
 wass borenn hēr tō manne.
 Acc nū ne geȝneþþ itt hemm nohht 970
 tō winnenn ēche blisse
 þohh þatt teȝȝ stanndenn daȝȝ 7 nihht
 tō þeowwtenn Godd 7 lākenn;
 forr all itt iss onnȝæness Godd
 þohh þatt teȝȝ swā ne wēnenn, 975
 forr-þī-þatt teȝȝ ne kēpenn nohht
 n'off Crīst, n'off Crīstess mōderr.
 7 tohh swāþehh nū wile icc gūw
 off þeȝȝre lākess awwnenn,
 hū mikell gōd teȝȝ tācnenn uss 980
 off ūre sāwle nēde;
 forr all þatt lāc wass sett þurh Godd,
 forr-þatt itt sholde tācnenn,
 hū Crīstess þeoww birrþ lakenn Crīst
 gāstlike ī gōde þæwess, 985
 wiþþ all þatt tatt bitācnedd wass
 þurh alle þeȝȝre lākess.

þatt follkes lāc wass shēp, 7 gāt,
 7 oxe, 7 cullfre, 7 turtile,

ᵹ teḡḡre lāc wass bule, ᵹ lāmb,	990
ᵹ buckess twā tōgeddre,	
ᵹ rēclessmēc, ᵹ bulltedd bræd	
ᵹ þatt bakenn wass inn ofne,	
ᵹ smeredd wēl wiþþ elesæw	
ᵹ makedd fatt ᵹ nesshe;	995
ᵹ ōperr stūnd tatt lāc wass bræd	
all þeorrf wiþþūtenn berrme;	
ᵹ ōperr stūnd itt bakenn wass	
full harrd ᵹ starrc ine ofne;	
ᵹ ōperr stūnd tatt lāc wass brennd	1000
ᵹ turrnedd all till asskess.	
ᵹ aḡḡ wass sallt wiþþ iwhillc lāc	
biforenn Drihhtīn offredd;	
ᵹ tatt wass dōn, þatt witt tū wēl,	
forr mikell þīng tō tācnenn.	1005
All þeḡḡre lāc wass swillc ᵹ swillc,	
forr ōperr þīng tō tācnenn.	
þatt uss iss swīþe mikell nēd	
tō follḡhenn ᵹ tō trowwenn;	
forr uss birrþ nū biforenn Godd	1010
offrenn þā lākess alle,	
rihht ō þatt wīse þatt uss iss	
bitācnedd þurh þā lākess;	
ᵹ witt tū þatt ān wāḡherifft	
wass spredd frā wāh tō wāḡhe,	1015
biforenn ān allterr þatt wass	
innresst ī þeḡḡre minnstre.	
þatt wāḡherifft wass henngedd tær,	
forr þatt itt hīdenn sholde	
all þatt tatt tær wiþþinnenn wass	1020
frā læwedd folc ᵹ læredd,	

- wipþūtenn þatt te bisscopp self,
 wipþ blōd 7 ēc wipþ rēcless,
 þær shollde cumenn ō þe ȝēr
 ann sīþe, 7 all himm áne. 1025
- 7 enngless cōmenn offte þær,
 7 wip þe bisscopp spækenn
 ō Godess hallfe off manīȝwhatt,
 himm 7 hiss folc tō frōfrenn.
- 7 bī þatt allterr stōdenn aȝȝ 1030
 þatt follkess hālīȝdōmess,
 þatt wærenn inn ān arrke þær
 wēl 7 wurrþlike ȝemmede.
- 7 tær oferr þatt arrke wass
 ān oferrwerre wēl timmbredd, 1035
 þatt wass *Propitiatorium*
 ō Latīn spæche nemmedd,
 off þatt wōrd tatt ō Latīn iss
 nemmedd *Propitiāri*,
- þatt maȝȝ onn Ennglissh nemmedd bēn 1040
 millcenn, 7 shæwenn āre,
 forr whā-se dōþ hiss āre ō þē
tibi propitiātur,
- affterr-þatt itt maȝȝ wēl inōh
 bēn seȝȝd ō Latīn spæche. 1045
- 7 tær uppō þatt oferrwerre
 þeȝȝ haffdenn liccness mētedd
 off Cherubȳn, 7 haffdenn itt
 ō tweȝȝenn stokess mētedd.
- All enngleþēod tōdæledd iss 1050
 ō niȝhenn kinne þēode;
 7 Cherubȳn 7 Seraphȳn
 sinndenn þā tweȝȝenn þēode,

- þatt sinndenn Drihhtīn allre-nēst,
 ȝ hēhȝhesst upp inn heoffne. 1055
 ȝ off þatt ān, off Cherubȳn,
 þeȝȝ haſfdenn liccneſſ mētedd
 uppō þatt oferrwerre þatt waſſ
 abuſenn þ'arrke timmbredd.
 ȝ att te minnstredure waſſ 1060
 ān allterr þær wiþþūtenn;
 ȝ bī þatt allterr waſſ þe lāc
 ō fele wīſe ȝarrkedd
 þurh preoſteſſ, alls uſſ ſeȝȝþ sōþ bōc,
 off Aarōneſſ childre. 1065
 ȝ ō þatt allterr haſfdenn þeȝȝ
 glōwennde glēdeſſ ȝarrkedd.
 ȝ off þatt erre þatt tær waſſ
 Drihhtīn tō lāke ȝarrkedd,
 himm tōc þe biſſcopp off þe blōd, 1070
 ſwā-ſumm hiſſ bōc himm tahte,
 ȝ glēdeſſ inn hiſſ rēclefatt
 hē tōc þær ō þatt allterr,
 ȝ dide rēcleſſ inn inōh
 Drihhtīn þærwiþþ tō þeowtenn, 1075
 aȝȝ whann hē ſholde ganngenn inn
 upp tō þatt ōþerr allterr;
 þatt waſſ aȝȝ æneſſ ō þe ȝēr,
 ȝ aȝȝ himm ſellf himm āne,
 forr mikell þīng tō tācnenn uſſ 1080
 þatt uſſ birrþ alle trowwenn.
 Hē tōc þe rēcleſſ ȝ te blōd,
 ȝ ȝēde upp tō þatt allterr,
 þatt waſſ wiþþinnenn wāȝheriſft,
 ſwā-ſumm icc habbe ſhæwedd, 1085

- 7 tanne brennde hē rēcless þær,
 tō þeowwtenn Godd tō cwēme,
 swā þatt tær wass swā mikell smēc
 off rēcless att tatt allterr,
 þatt all hē wass himm sellf þær hidd 1090
 7 lokenn þær wiþþinnenn;
 7 tōc himm þā þatt illke blōd
 þatt hē þær haffde greȝȝpedd,
 þatt blōd tatt hē þær haffde brohht,
 7 warrp itt tær wiþþ strenncless, 1095
 eȝȝwhær uppō þatt hallȝhe bōrd,
 7 eȝȝwhær ō þatt allterr.
 7 siþþenn ȝēde hē þeþenn ūt
 tō strennkenn ī þe kirrke
 wiþþūtenn þeȝȝre wāȝherifft, 1100
 swā-summ hiss bōc himm tahhte.
 7 siþþenn comm hē till þe folc
 7 wessh himm hise clāþess,
 acc þohh swāþeþh hē wass all daȝȝ
 unnclēne an-ān till ēfenn. 1105

- Nū habbe icc shæwedd ȝūw summ dēl
 off þā Jūdiſskenn lākess,
 þatt Drihhtīn tōc full ædmōdliȝ
 biforenn Crīstess cōme,
 7 off þatt prēost tatt tanne wass, 1110
 7 off þatt biſscopp bāþe.
 7 ēc icc habbe shæwedd ȝūw
 summ dēl off þeȝȝre wikenn.
 7 nū icc wile shæwenn ȝūw
 all þatt whatt itt bitācneþþ, 1115

- 7 hū itt maȝȝ ȝūw turrnenn all
 till ȝūre sāwless hellpe,
 7 hū ȝē muȝhenn lākenn Godd
 gāstlike ī gōde þæwess,
 wiþþ all þatt Jūdēwisshe lāc 1120
 þatt icc ȝūw habbe shæwedd;
 forr ȝūw birrþ nū biforenn Godd
 offrenn þā lākess alle,
 all ō þatt wīse þatt ȝūw iss
 bitācnedd þurh þā lākess. 1125
 þā lākess mihhtenn clennsenn hemm
 off sakess 7 off sinness,
 7 gladenn Godd, ȝiff þatt hē wass
 hemm wrāþ forr heore gillte.
 7 witt tū wēl þatt Latīn bōc 1130
 full witerrlike uss kīpeþþ,
 whillc lāc wass offredd forr þe prēost,
 whillc forr þe bisscopp offredd,
 7 whillc wass offredd forr þe folc,
 tō clennsenn hemm off sinne. 1135
- þe ramm wass offredd forr þe prēost,
 tō clennsenn him off sinne,
 7 forr þe bisscopp was þe callf
 offredd ō þeȝȝre wīse,
 7 forr þe folc wass offredd bucc, 1140
 Drihhtīn tō lofe 7 wurrþe,
 þatt hē þeȝȝm þurh hiss mīldherrtleȝȝc
 forrȝæfe þeȝȝre gilltess.
 Hēr habbe icc shæwedd þrinne lāc
 forr þrinne kinne lēode, 1145

forr bisscopp 7 forr unnderrprēost,
 7 forr þe follkess nēde.
 7 ūre Lāferrd Jēsu Crīst
 badd hise bedess þrīgess,
 biforenn þatt hē takenn wass 1150
 7 nazgledde uppō rōde.
 7 tær hē badd forr alle þā
 þatt onn himm sholldenn lēfenn,
 forr biscopp 7 forr unnderrprēost,
 7 ēc forr læwedd lēode; 1155
 7 māre wass hiss bede wurp
 þann alle þezgze lākess,
 tō lēsenn 7 tō clennsenn menn
 off alle kinne gillte,
 7 tohh swāþehh wass þezgze lāc, 1160
 biforenn Crīstess cōme,
 Drihhtīn full cwēme inn alle þā
 þatt Godess lazhess hēldenn.
 7 nū icc wile shæwenn gūw,
 wiþþ mīn Drihhtīness hellpe, 1165
 all hū gē muþhenn lākenn Godd
 gāstlike ī gōde þæwess,
 wiþþ all þatt Jūdēwisshe lāc
 þatt gūw hēr-uppe iss shæwedd.
 Giff þatt tū follghesst sōþ mēoclezgc 1170
 7 sōþ unnshapīgnesse,
 þā lākesst tū Drihhtīn wiþþ shēp
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,
 swā þatt itt maꝥg wēl hellpenn þē
 tō winnenn Godess āre; 1175
 forr shēp iss all unnskaþefull
 7 stille dēr 7 līþe,

- 7 makeþþ itt nān mikell bracc,
 7iff mann itt wile bīdenn,
 ne forrþenn þær mann cwelleþþ itt, 1180
 ne wiþþreþþ itt nohht swīpe.
 7 forr-þī se3gþ þatt Latīn bōc,
 þatt þwerret-ūt nohht ne lēgheþþ,
 þatt ūre Lāferd Jēsu Crīst
 inn ūre mennisscnesse 1185
 tōc þildilīg wiþþūtenn bracc,
 þatt mann himm bānd wiþþ wōghe,
 rihht all swā-summ þe shēp onnfōþ
 mēocli3, þatt mann itt clippeþþ.
 7 7iff þū cwennkesst ī þē self, 1190
 7 læresst mē tō cwennkenn
 inn mē gālnessess fūle stinnch
 7 hire fūle lusstess,
 7 follgheest a3g clænnessess slōþ,
 7 læresst mē tō follghenn, 1195
 þā lākesst tū Drihhtīn wiþþ gāt
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,
 swā þatt itt ma3g wēl hellpenn þē
 tō winnenn Godess āre.
 for gāt iss, þatt witt tū full wēl, 1200
 gāl dēor, 7 stinnkeþþ fūle,
 7 forr-þī tēcneþþ itt full wēl
 gālnessess hāte stinnchess.
 7 forr-þī sinndenn alle þā
 þatt shulenn inntill helle 1205
 effnedd wiþþ gæt, 7 nemmnedd gæt,
 ō Goddspellbōkess lāre,
 forr-þī-þatt sinness fūle stinnch
 shall shædenn hemm frā Crīste.

- 7 ȝiff þū follȝhesst skill 7 shæd 1210
 7 witt ī gōde þæwess,
 7 hafesst ȝēt, tohh þū bē ȝūng,
 ellderrnemanness lāte,
 7 haȝherrlike lēdesst tē
 7 dafftelike 7 faȝȝre, 1215
 7 ummbepennkesst aȝȝ occ aȝȝ
 hū þū mihht Drihhtīn cwēmenn,
 7 lufenn himm 7 drēdenn himm
 7 hise laȝhess hāldenn,
 wiþþ oxe lākesst tū Drihhtīn 1220
 ȝāstlike ī þīne þæwess,
 swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn þē
 tō winnenn Godess āre.
 Forr oxe ȝāþ ō clofenn fōt
 7 shædeþþ hise clawwess, 1225
 þurh whatt hē tēcneþþ skill 7 shæd
 7 witt ī gōde þæwess.
 7 oxe ganngēþþ haȝhelīȝ
 7 āldelike lāteþþ,
 7 ȝifeþþ bīsne off þatt tē birrþ 1230
 all haȝhelike 7 faȝȝre
 7 dafftelike lēdenn þē,
 wiþþūtenn bracc 7 brapþe,
 7 shæwenn ȝēt, tohh þū bē ȝūng,
 ellderrnemanness lāte. 1235
 7 oxe chewweþþ þær hē ȝāþ
 hiss cūde, 7 tær hē stanndeþþ,
 7 chewweþþ forrþenn þær hē līþ,
 forr þē tō ȝifenn bīsne,
 þatt tē birrþ ummbepennkenn aȝȝ 1240
 7 chewwenn ī þīn heorte

hū þū mihht cwēmenn þīn Drihhtīn,
 7 winnenn ēche blisse.

Þuss þū mihht lākenn Drihhtīn Godd

wiþþ oxe ī gōde þæwess,

1245

ʒiff þū þē lēdesst all wiþþ skill,

7 haʒhelike 7 faʒʒre,

7 ummbepennkesst nihht 7 daʒʒ

hū þū mihht Drihhtīn cwēmenn.

7 ʒiff þū firrþresst fremmde menn

1250

aʒʒ affterr þīne fēre,

7 arrt tē self aʒʒ mīlde 7 mēoc,

7 all wiþþūtenn galle,

wiþþ cullfre lākesst tū Drihhtīn

gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,

1255

swā þatt itt maʒʒ wēl hellpenn þē

tō winnenn Godess āre.

Forr cullfre iss mīlde, 7 mēoc, 7 swēt,

7 all wiþþūtenn galle,

7 fēdeþþ ōþerr cullfress bridd

1260

all alls itt wære hire āʒhenn.

7 ʒiff þū lēdesst clēne lif,

7 murrnesst ī þīn heorrtē,

þatt tū swā lanngē dwellesst hēr

swā ferr frā Godess rīche,

1265

7 ʒēornesst tatt tū mōte skēt

upp-cumenn inntill heoffne,

upp till þī Lāferrd Jēsu Crist,

tō lofenn himm 7 lūtenn,

wiþþ turrtle lākesst tū þīn Godd

1270

gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,

swā þatt itt maʒʒ wēl hellpenn þē

tō winnenn Godess āre.

- Forr turrtle lēdeþþ charīȝ lif,
 þatt witt tū wēl tō sōþe, 1275
 forr frā-þatt hire make iss dæd
 ne kēpeþþ ȝhō nān ōþerr,
 acc serrȝheþþ aȝȝ forr-þi-þatt ȝhō
 ne maȝȝ himm nowwhar fīndenn.
 ȝ ȝiff þatt tū forrlāngedd arrt 1280
 tō cumenn upp till Crīste,
 ȝ nohht ne chēsesst ōþer Godd
 tō follȝhenn ne tō þeowwtenn,
 wiþþūtenn Crīst tatt wass ȝ iss
 þīn Drihhtīn ȝ tīn hæfedd, 1285
 þā lākesst tū gāstlike Godd
 wiþþ turrtle ī þīne þæwess.
 ȝ ȝiff þū cwennkesst ī þē sellf
 all þwerret-ūt mōdīȝnesse,
 ȝ læresst ōþre allswā tō dōn 1290
 þurh lāre ȝ ēc þurh bīsne,
 wiþþ bule lākesst tū þīn Godd
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,
 swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn þē
 tō winnenn Godess āre. 1295
 Forr bule lāteþþ mōdīlīȝ,
 ȝ bereþþ upp hiss hæfedd,
 ȝ drīfeþþ ōþre nowwt himm frā
 ȝ hallt himm all forr lāferd.
 ȝ ȝiff þū cnāwesst rihht tīn Godd, 1300
 ȝ herrcnesst hise spellless,
 ȝ leȝȝesst all þīn herrte onn himm,
 ȝ follȝhesst himm ȝ būȝhesst,
 ȝ forr þe lufe off himm forrsēst
 hæþene Goddess alle, 1305

ȝ arrt tē self aȝȝ milde ȝ mēoc,
 ȝ soffte, ȝ stille, ȝ liþe,
 wiþþ lāmb þū lākesst tīn Drihhtīn
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,
 swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn þē 1310
 tō winnenn Godess āre.
 Forr lāmb iss soffte ȝ stille dēor,
 ȝ mēoc, ȝ milde, ȝ liþe;
 ȝ itt cann cnāwenn swīpe wēl
 hiss mōderr þær ȝhō blæteþþ 1315
 bitwēnenn ān þūsennde shēp,
 þohh þatt teȝȝ blætenn alle.
 ȝ all-swā birrþ þē cnāwenn wēl
 þīn Godd ȝ all hiss lāre,
 ȝ all forrwerppenn hæþenndōm 1320
 ȝ ōpre Goddess alle,
 swā-summ þe lāmb flēþ ōpre shēp,
 ȝ follȝheþþ aȝȝ hiȝs mōderr.

Þe Jūdēwisshe follkess bōc
 hemm seȝȝde, þatt hemm birrde 1325
 twā bukkess samenn tō þe prēost
 att kirkedure brinnenn;
 ȝ teȝȝ þā didenn bliþelīȝ,
 swā-summ þe bōc hemm tahhte,
 ȝ brohhtenn tweȝȝenn bukkess þær 1330
 Drihhtīn þær-wiþþ tō lākenn.
 ȝ att te kirkedure tōc
 þe prēost tā tweȝȝenn bukkess,
 ȝ ō þatt ān hē leȝȝde þær
 all þeȝȝre sake ȝ sinne, 1335

- 7 lēt itt ēornenn fōrþ wiþþ-all
 ūt inntill wilde wesste;
 7 tōc 7 snāþ þatt ōþerr bucc
 Drihhtīn þær-wiþþ tō lākenn.
 All þiss wass dōn forr heore nēd, 1340
 7 ēc forr ūre nēde;
 forr hemm itt hallp biforenn Godd
 tō clennsenn hemm off sinne,
 7 all-swā maḡḡ itt hellpenn þē,
 7iff þatt tū willt itt follghenn. 1345
 7iff þatt tū willt full innwarrdlīḡ
 wiþþ fulle trowwþe lēfenn
 all þatt tatt wass bitācnedd tær,
 tō lēfenn 7 tō trowwenn,
 þā maḡḡ þatt trowwþe firrþrenn þē 1350
 tō winnenn Godess āre.
 þā twezḡenn bukkess tācnenn uss
 ān Godd off twinne kīnde,
 þatt iss þe Lāferrd Jēsu Crīst,
 þatt iss off twinne kīnde. 1355
 Forr Jēsu Crīst iss ful-iwiss
 sōþ Godd ī Goddcunndnesse,
 7 hē iss ēc tō fulle sōþ
 sōþ mann ī mennisscnesse;
 forr Crīst iss bāþe Godd 7 mann, 1360
 ān hād off twinne kīnde,
 7 tiss birrþ trowwenn īwhillc mann
 þatt 7ēorneþþ Godess āre.
 Ān bucc rann þær a-weḡḡ all cwicc.
 wiþþ all þe follkess sinne, 1365
 7 Crīstess Goddcunndnesse wass
 all cwicc 7 all unnpīnedd,

- þær Crīst wass uppō rōdetrēo
 naȝȝledd forr ūre nēde.
- ȝ Crīstess Goddcunndnesse all cwicc 1370
 ȝ all wiþþūtenn pīne
 barr ūre sinness þær a-weȝȝ
 þær Crīstess mennisscnesse
 drannc dæþess drinnch ō rōdetrēo
 forr ūre wōȝhe dēdess. 1375
- ȝ all swā-summ þatt ōþerr bucc
 tōc þær wiþþ dæþess pīne,
 tō wurrþenn þær Drihhtīn tō lāc
 forr all þe follkess sinne,
 all swā tōc Crīstess mennisscleȝȝc 1380
 wiþþ dæþess pīne ō rōde,
 forr-þatt hē wollde wurrþenn þær
 offredd Drihhtīn tō lāke,
 forr uss tō clennsenn þurh hiss dæþ
 off sinness unnclēennesse. 1385
- ȝ all swā-summ þatt cwike bucc
 comm inntill wīlde wesste,
 all swā comm Crīstess Goddcunndleȝȝc
 all cwicc upp inntill heoffne,
 þatt wass bīforenn Crīstess dæþ 1390
 swa-summ itt wesste wære,
 forr-þī-þatt bāþe enngless ȝ menn
 itt haffdenn ær forrworþenn.
- Forr enngless haffdenn heoffness ærd
 forrlōrenn all wiþþ rihhte; 1395
 forr-þatt teȝȝ wolldenn effnenn hemm
 ȝæn Godd þurh mōdīȝnesse;
 forr whatt teȝȝ fellenn sōne dūn
 off heoffne unntill helle

- till ēche wā, forr-þī-þatt teƷƷ 1400
 forrwurpenn ēche blisse.
- Ʒ alle þā þatt fellenn swā
 þeƷƷ sinndenn lāpe dēofless,
 Ʒ stannden inn þurh hēte Ʒ nīþ
 tō scrennkenn menness sāwless. 1405
- Acc þū mihht werenn þē frā þeƷƷm
 þurh rihhte læfe ō Crīste,
 Ʒ þurh þatt weorrc þatt tār-tō līþ
 wiþþ Jēsu Crīstess hellpe.
- Ʒ ūre tweƷƷgenn forrme menn, 1410
 þatt Drihhtīn shōp off ēorþe,
 forrlurenn ēc forr heore gillt
 wiþþ rihht dōm heoffness blisse,
 þurh-þatt teƷƷ forr þe dēofless rāþ
 Drihhtīness rāþ forrwurpenn; 1415
- Ʒ all forr-þī wass heoffness ærd
 swā-summ itt wesste wære,
 forr-þī-þatt bāpe enngless Ʒ menn
 itt hafðenn ær forrworppenn.
- Ʒ Crīstess Goddcunndnesse comm 1420
 cwicc inntill heoffness wesste
 wiþþ ūre sinne, ī þatt tatt Crīst
 tōc dæþ forr ūre sinne,
 all all swā-summ þatt bucc attrann
 ūt inntill wilde wesste 1425
- all cwicc, Ʒ barr aweƷƷ wiþþ himm
 þe follkess sake Ʒ sinne.
- Ʒ Ʒiff þatt iss þatt tū willt nū
 wiþþ fulle trowwpe lēfenn,
 þatt Crīst iss bāpe Godd Ʒ mann, 1430
 ān hād off twinne kīnde;

- ȝ giff þatt iss þatt tū willt nū
 wiþþ fulle trowwþe lēfenn,
 þatt Crīstess Goddcunndnesse wass
 all cwicc ȝ all unnpīnedd, 1435
 þær Crīst wass dæd ō rōdetrēo
 forr all mannkinne nēde;
 ȝ giff þatt iss þatt tū willt nū
 wiþþ fulle trowwþe lēfenn,
 þatt Crīst, tær hē wass ō þe trēo 1440
 naȝȝledd forr ūre nēde,
 drāh harrd ȝ hefīȝ pīne inōh
 þurh fīfe grimme wūndess,
 þā mihht tū lākenn þīn Drihhtīn
 gāstlike i sōþfasst læfe, 1445
 wiþþ all þatt tē tō trowwenn wass
 þurh þā twā bukkess tēcnedd.
 ȝ giff þū cwēmesst tīn Drihhtīn
 bī daȝȝess, ȝ bī nihhtess,
 wiþþ fasstinng, ȝ wiþþ bedesāng, 1450
 wiþþ cnēlinng, ȝ wiþþ wecche,
 þā lākesst tū wiþþ rēcless swā
 þīn Godd ī þīne þæwess,
 swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn þē
 tō winnenn Godess āre. 1455
 Forr all all-swā summ rēcless-smēc
 iss swēt bīforenn manne,
 all all-se is swēt bīforenn Godd
 þe gōde manness bēne.
 ȝ giff þīn herrte is ārefull, 1460
 ȝ mīlde, ȝ soffte, ȝ nesshe,
 swā þatt tu mihht wēl árenn himm
 þatt iss ȝæn þē forrgilltedd,

- 7 all forrgifenn himm full-nēh
 þe rihhte dōmess wræche, 1465
 aȝȝ whann-se þū forrgifesst tuss
 þīn wraþþe 7 ēc þīn wræche,
 aȝȝ þanne lākesst tū þīn Godd
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,
 wiþþ lāf þatt iss wiþþ elesæw 1470
 all smeredd wēl 7 nesshedd.
 Þe rihhte dōm iss starrc 7 harrd
 7 all þe rihhte wræche,
 swā-summ itt wære scorcnedd lāf
 þatt iss wiþþūtenn crummess. 1475
 7 āre 7 millce 7 mildherrtleȝȝc
 7 rihht forrgifenesse,
 þatt iss þatt lāf þatt smeredd iss
 wiþþ elesæw 7 nesshedd.
 7 ȝiff þatt tū willt makenn lāf, 1480
 þū þresshesst tīne shæfess,
 7 siþþenn winndwesst tū þīn cōrn,
 7 frā þe chaff itt shædesst,
 7 gaddresst swā þe clēne cōrn
 all frā þe chaff tōgeddre, 1485
 7 grīndesst itt, 7 cnedesst itt,
 7 harrdnesst itt wiþþ hæte;
 7 tanne mahht tū þīn Drihhtīn
 lākenn þær-wiþþ tō cwēme,
 ȝiff þatt tū lēdesst hālīȝ lif 1490
 ī þohht, ī wōrd, ī dēde.
 7 tū mihht ēc gāstlike lāf
 onn ōþerr wīse ȝarrkenn,
 7 lākenn þīn Drihhtīn þær-wiþþ
 well swīpe wēl tō cwēme. 1495

ȝiff þatt iss þatt tū þurh þīn spell
 till rihhte læfe turresst
 þatt flocc þatt wass tōskeȝȝredd ær
 þurh fele kinne dwilde,
 þā þressesst tū þīn cōrn wiþþ fleȝȝl, 1500
 ī-þatt-tatt tū þeȝȝm shæwesst,
 hū sinnfull lif þeȝȝ leddenn ær,
 ȝ hū þeȝȝ cwemmdenn dēofell,
 ȝ hū þeȝȝ haffdenn addledd wēl
 tō drēȝhenn ēche pīne, 1505
 ȝ hū þeȝȝm haffde Drihhtīn all
 forr heore wōh forr worrpenn;
 wiþþ swillc þū þressesst wēl þe folc,
 ȝiff þatt tū þuss hemm tælesst;
 forr ȝiff þū shæwesst mē mīn wōh 1510
 ȝ tælesst mīne weorrkess,
 ȝ seȝȝesst swillc ȝ swillc wass þū,
 þū þressesst mē wiþþ wōrdess.
 ȝ ȝiff þū shæwesst hemm off Godd
 ȝ off hiss æddmōdnesse, 1515
 hū wēl hē takeþþ aȝȝ wiþþ þā
 þatt sēkenn Godess āre,
 ȝ ȝiff þū shæwesst hemm whatt læn
 iss ȝarrkedd hemm inn heoffne,
 ȝiff þatt teȝȝ takenn Crisstenndōm 1520
 ȝ Crīstess laȝhess hāldenn,
 ȝ spēdesst wiþþ þīn spell swā wēl
 þatt teȝȝ itt unnderrfanngenn,
 ȝ turnenn till þe Crisstenndōm
 ȝ till þe rihhte læfe, 1525
 ȝ shædenn frā þatt hæþenn folc
 þatt Godd iss all unncwēme,

forr-þatt itt iss þatt illke chaff
 þatt helle fīr shall bærnenn,
 þā winndwesst tū þīn þrosshenn cōrn 1530
 ȝ frā þe chaff itt shædesst,
 ȝ gaddresst swā þe clēne cōrn
 all frā þe chaff tōgeddre.
 Forr þurh-þatt-tatt tū læresst hemm
 tō bēn sammtale ȝ sahhte 1535
 tō þeowwtenn ān Allmahhtīȝ Godd
 wīþþ ānfāld rihhte læfe,
 ȝ aȝȝ tō bēn ummbenn þatt ān
 tō winnenn ēche blisse,
 þurh-þatt tū sammnesst hemm ī Godd, 1540
 þū gaddresst cōrn tōgeddre.
 Annd þurh-þatt tū primmseȝȝnesst hemm,
 ȝ spellest hemm, ȝ læresst
 all tō forrwerppenn mōdīȝleȝȝc,
 ȝ harrd ȝ grammcūnd herrte, 1545
 ȝ aȝȝ tō follȝhenn sōþ mēocleȝȝc
 wīþþ luffsumm æddmōdnesse,
 þær-þurh þū brekesst wēl þīn cōrn,
 ȝ grīndesst itt ȝ nesshesst
 ȝ þurh-þatt-tatt tū fullhtnesst hemm 1550
 ȝ unnderr waterr dippest,
 þū sammnesst all þī mele inn-ān
 ȝ cnedesst itt tōgeddre,
 swā-þatt teȝȝ shulenn alle bēn
 ān bodīȝ ȝ ān sāwle. 1555
 ȝ Jēsu Crīst himm-sellf shall bēn
 uppō þatt bodīȝ hæfedd,
 tō fēdenn ȝ tō fosstrenn hemm,
 tō stēorenn ȝ tō berrȝhenn.

- 7 þurh-þatt-tatt tū læresst hemm 1560
 tō þolenn illc unsellþe
 wiþþ innwarrd heorrtē 7 sōþfasst þild,
 all forr þe lufe off Crīste,
 all forr þatt lufe þatt iss hāt
 ī Crīstess þeowwess heorrtē, 1565
 þær-þurh þū bakesst Godess lāf
 7 harrdnesst itt þurh hæte,
 þurh-þatt tū harrdnesst hemm wiþþ spell
 tō þolenn illc unnseollþe
 wiþþ sōþfasst þild, all forr þatt fīr 1570
 þatt sōþfasst lufe follgheþþ.
 Forr sōþfasst lufe bærneþþ aȝȝ,
 lōc ȝiff þū't mihht ohht findenn,
 7 whær-s' itt iss itt harrdneþþ all
 þe gōde manness heorrtē, 1575
 tō þolenn wiþþ fullfremedd þild
 all þatt tatt iss unnsellþe.
 7 sōne-summ þīn lāf bēþ wēl
 all greþpedd tuss 7 ȝarrkedd,
 þā mahht tū lākenn Godd wiþþ all 1580
 gāstlike wēl tō cwēme.
 Forr Drihhtīn takeþþ ædmōdlīȝ
 wiþþ þā þatt till himm turrnenn,
 7 ȝiff þū lēdesst clēne lif
 onn alle kinne wīse, 1585
 þā lākesst tū þīn Drihhtīn swā
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,
 wiþþ þerrflinng bræd swā þatt tū mihht
 Drihhtīness āre winnenn.
 Forr þerrflinng bræd iss clēne bræd, 1590
 forr-þatt itt iss unnberrmedd,

- 7 itt bitācneþþ clēne lif,
 7 alle clēne þæwess,
 7 clēne þohht, 7 clēne wōrd,
 7 alle clēne dēdess. 1595
- 7 ȝiff þīn heorhte iss harrd 7 starrc,
 7 stēdefasst ō Crīste,
 tō þolenn forr þe lufe off himm
 all þatt tatt iss tō drēȝhenn,
 þā lākesst tū þīn Drihhtīn swā 1600
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess,
 wiþþ fasst 7 fīndīȝ lāf 7 harrd
 wiþþinnenn 7 wiþþūtenn,
 swā þatt itt maȝȝ wēl hellpenn þē
 tō winnenn Godess āre. 1605
- 7 ȝiff þū mihht forrwerrpenn hēr
 þī faderr, 7 tī mōderr,
 7 wīf, 7 child, 7 hūs, 7 hām,
 7 frēond, 7 lānd, 7 ahhte,
 7 all forrwerrpenn hēr þwerret-ūt 1610
 bitwēnenn menn tō biggenn,
 7 lēdenn harrd 7 hālīȝ lif
 all-āne ī wīlde wesste,
 7 pīnenn þær þī bodīȝ ā
 wiþþ chēle 7 þrisst 7 hunngerr, 1615
 wiþþ fastinng, 7 wiþþ swinnc 7 swāt,
 wiþþ bedess, 7 wiþþ wecchess,
 þā mihht tū lākenn swā þīn Godd
 gāstlike ī þīne þæwess
 wiþþ lāc, þatt all þwerret-ūt bēoþ brennd 1620
 Drihhtīn tō lōfe 7 wurrþe,
 swā þatt itt bēoþ þē rihht inōh
 tō winnenn Godess āre.

Forr þū ne mihht nohht lēdenn hēr
 nā bettre lif onn eorþe, 1625
 þann iss þatt tū þweorrt-ūt forrsē,
 7 all þwerrt-ūt forrwerpe
 all weoreldlike lif 7 lusst,
 7 flē frā menn till wesste,
 7 tær wiþþ harrd 7 hālīȝ lif 1630
 bēo ġeornfull Crīst tō cwēmenn.
 Forr swille lif iss all þwerrt-ūt dæd
 frā weoreldshipess lusstess,
 7 itt iss turnedd all þurh fir
 off sōþfasst lufe ō Crīste 1635
 till dusst, forr-þī-tatt swillke menn
 sōþfasst mēocnesse follȝhenn.
 7 aȝȝ wass sallt wiþþ iwhille lāc,
 forr-þatt itt sholde tācnenn
 þatt all þatt tū willt offrenn Godd, 1640
 ġiff þatt itt shall himm cwēmenn,
 all birrþ itt offredd bēn wiþþ skill,
 7 all wiþþ luffsumm heorhte,
 swā þatt itt bē clenlike dōn,
 off rihhtbiȝetenn ahhte, 1645
 swā þatt te Lāferd Jēsu Crīst
 swētlīke itt unnderrfannge.
 Þiss wass bitācnedd þurh þe sallt
 þatt ūre mēte swēteþ,
 ġiff þatt iss þatt mann wile itt dōn 1650
 wiþþ witt 7 skill þærinne.
 Forr witt 7 skill iss wēl inōh
 þurh salltess smacc bitācnedd,
 7 tatt forr-þī-þatt witt 7 skill
 iss gōd inn alle þīnge, 1655

all swā-summ sallt iss swīpe gōd

þær þær itt tō-bilimmpeþþ;

ƿ all forr-þī wass æfre sallt

wiþþ alle lākess offredd,

forr-þī-þatt nohht ne maƿƿ bēn dōn

1660

Allmahhtiƿ Godd tō cwēme,

būtt iff itt bē wiþþ witt ƿ skill

ƿ luffsummlike fōrþedd.

All þuss þū mahht nū lākenn Godd

gāstlike i þīne þæwess,

1665

wiþþ all þatt lāc þatt offredd wass

biforenn Crīstess cōme.

GLOSSARY.

THE arrangement mainly follows the spellings and forms of the Ancren Riwele.

æ and *ea* are both arranged under *ē*; *ƿ* under *c*, *v* under *f*, *ȝ* under *g*, *j* under *i*, and *wh* under *hw*.

Words beginning with the prefix *i* must be sought under their root; *icwēme* under *cwēme*, &c.

* denotes French words.

† denotes words and forms of the Ormulum.

sv. = strong verb.

wv. = weak verb.

A, *indef. art.*

a = an *prp.*

ā, *av.* for ever.

ā, *interj.* ah!

a-blēnden, *wv.* blind.

abbod, *sm.* abbot.

a-buven, *prp.* above.

a-būten, *prp., av.* around.

†**ac**, *see* **auh**.

a-cōlen, *wv.* cool.

a-cwenchen, *wv.* quench.

a-cwikien, *wv.* quicken, come to life, bring to life.

***acwīten**, *wv.* free, release.

†**adlen**, *wv.* earn.

a-drenchen, *wv.* drown.

a-dūn, *av.* down.

adūneward, *av.* downwards.

a-vellen, *wv.* make to fall.

***avez**, *spl.* aves.

a-vormest, *av.* at first.

after, *see* **ēfter**.

†**aȝ**, *av.* always.

a-ȝean, **aȝein**, *prp., av.* against, towards (to meet); for; in exchange for; back.

aȝeines, *prp.* against.

†**āȝhen**, *see* **ōwen**.

a-ginnen, *sv.* begin.

†**ahte**, *see* **ēiht**.

al (1), *aj.* all; 'over al,' everywhere; 'mid alle,' '†wip alle,' entirely, altogether; 'alre-ērest,' first of all.

al, *av.* all, quite, entirely, utterly.

al, *sn.* everything.

a-lēsen, *wv.* release.

alle-gate, *av.* by all means.

alles, *av.* entirely, really.

allunge, *av.* entirely, completely.

al-mihti, †**almahtīȝ**, *aj.* almighty.

al-sȝ, **ase**, †**alswā**, †**false**, †**als**,

av. so, also, as, like; 'ase nēih . . ase veor,' the nearer . . the further; 'pēr ase,' where, &c.

†**alter**, *s.* altar.

am, *see* **bēon**.

†**amæn**, amen.

a-morwen, *av.* on the morrow, next morning.

an, *indef. art.*

an, *prp.* on, in.

***ancheisūn**, *sn.* reason.

ancre, *sf.* anchoress, nun.

and, **ant**, *cj.* and; but.

***andetted**, *prt. ptc.* indebted.

†**ān-fāld**, *aj.* simple, sincere.

an-hōngen, *wv.* hang.

an-ōn, †anān, *av.* immediately ; continually.

anōn-riht, *av.* immediately.

an-ont, *prp.* in regard to.

ant, *see* and.

*apocalipse, *s.* apocalypse.

†āre, *s.* mercy.

†āreful, *aj.* merciful.

†āren, *ww.* be merciful to ; forgive.

†arke, *s.* ark.

a-redden, *ww.* rescue, deliver.

a-reimen, *ww.* redeem.

a-rēowen, *sv.* 'mē arēowep,' I pity.

a-rēren, *ww.* raise ; cause.

a-riht, *av.* rightly, properly.

a-rīsen, *sv.* arise.

†art, *see* bēon.

*asaumple, *sf.* example.

†askes, *spl.* ashes.

askien, *ww.* ask.

askung, *s.* asking.

a-schunien, *ww. refl.* shun, avoid.

ase, *see* alsō.

a-spillen, *ww.* destroy.

asse, *s.* donkey.

a-stūnten, *ww.* stop.

atelich, *aj.* repulsive, ugly.

attri, *aj.* poisonous, venomous.

auh, †ac, *av.* but ; and.

*autoritē, *s.* authority.

a-wei, *av.* away.

†awnen, *ww.* show, declare.

a-worpen, *sv.* throw, precipitate.

Bacen, *sv.* bake.

†bad, *see* bidden.

†bar, *see* beren.

bead, *see* bēoden.

*beaubelez, *spl.* trinkets, baubles.

bede, *s.* prayer.

bede-sāng, *s.* song of prayer.

bēih, *see* būwen.

*bekien, *ww.* peck.

†bēlden, *ww.* encourage.

†bēne, *s.* request, prayer.

bēoden, *sv.* offer.

bēon, *sv.* be.

ibēon, *sv.* be.

beren, *sv.* carry, bear ; 'beren up,' hold up.

†berzhen, *sv.* save, preserve.

†berhles, *s.* salvation.

berken, *sv.* bark.

berme, *s.* leaven.

bernen, †brennen, *ww.* burn.

bersten, *sv.* burst.

bēst, *s.* beast, animal.

bet, *av.* better, rather.

betere, *aj., sb.* better.

bēp, *sn.* bath.

bi, *prp., av.* by, near ; by means of, through.

bi-clüppen, *ww.* embrace.

bi-cumen, *sv.* become.

bidden, *sv.* ask, pray.

bi-vōn, bivongen, *sv.* encompass, contain.

bi-voren, bivore, *prp., av.* before.

bi-geat, *s.* gain.

bi-gīlen, *ww.* beguile.

†biggen, *ww.* dwell.

bi-ginnen, *sv.* begin.

bi-ziten, *sv.* get, obtain.

bi-gürdel, *sn.* girdle, belt.

bi-hēve, *s.* profit, benefit.

bi-hōve, *s.* benefit.

bi-hōven, *ww.* be necessary, behove.

bi-hōlden, *sv.* behold, consider.

bi-hōten, *sv.* promise, vow.

bile, *s.* beak, bill.

bi-lēven, *ww.* leave, forsake.

bi-lien, *sv.* slander.

bi-limpen, *sv.* belong.

binden, *sv.* bind.

bi-neopen, *prp.* beneath.

bi-nimen, *sv.* deprive, take away.

bi-rēvien, *ww.* bereave, deprive.

bi-rēounesse, *s.* compassion.

†birp, *ww., impers.* becomes, befits.

†biscop, *sm.* bishop.

bi-sēchen, *ww.* beseech.

bi-senchen, *ww.* sink.

bi-sēon, *sv.* look.

bi-setten, *ww.* beset, surround, enclose, besiege.

bisi, *aj.* busy, assiduous.

bisiliche, *av.* busily.

bisischepe, *s.* activity.
 bīсне, *s.* example, specimen.
 bi-spēten, *vv.* spit on.
 bi-tēchen, *vv.* entrust.
 bi-tellunge, *sf.* excusing, excuse.
 bi-tēon, *sv.* bestow.
 bi-tōcnen, *vv.* signify, denote.
 bitter, *aj., sb.* bitter.
 bi-tūnen, *vv.* shut up, enclose.
 bi-tūrnen, *vv.* turn.
 bi-twēonon, *prp.* between, among.
 *blāmen, *vv.* blame.
 blasien, *vv.* blaze.
 blēden, *vv.* bleed.
 blescien, *vv.* bless.
 blēten, *sv.* bleat.
 bliscien, *vv.* make happy.
 blisse, *s.* joy.
 blipeliche, †blipelike, †blipe-
 liz, *av.* gladly.
 blōd, *sn.* blood.
 blōwen, *sv.* blow.
 bō, *prn.* both.
 bōc, *s.* book.
 †bōc-staf, *s.* letter of the alphabet.
 bode, *s.* offer.
 bodi, *sn.* body.
 bōne, *s.* prayer.
 bōrd, *s.* table.
 †borzhen, *see* berzhen.
 bōte, *s.* mending, remedy.
 bōp, *see* bēon.
 bōpe, *prn., av.* both.
 bō-twō, *prn.* both.
 bouhte, *see* būggen.
 †brac, *s.* noise.
 †brappe, *s.* anger.
 brēd, *s.* bread.
 breiden, *sv.* braid, plait.
 breken, *sv.* break.
 †brende, *see* bernen.
 brēost, *s.* breast.
 brēp, *sm.* vapour, odour.
 brēpren, *see* brōper.
 bridd, *s.* young bird.
 brīdel, *s.* bridle.
 bridlen, *vv.* bridle.
 briht, *aj.* bright.
 brihten, *vv.* brighten.
 bringen, *vv.* bringen.

brōd, *aj.* broad.
 brōper, *sm.* brother.
 brouhte, *see* brīngen.
 brūcen, *sv.* enjoy.
 bucc, *sm.* he-goat.
 būggen, *vv.* buy.
 būhp, *see* būwen.
 †bule, *sm.* bull.
 †bulted, *aj. (prt. plc.),* bouted,
 passed through a sieve.
 buruh, †burh, *s.* city.
 būten, būte, būt, †butt, *prp., av.*
 without; except, only. 'būt(e)
 gif,' unless.
 būp, *see* būggen.
 buven, *prp.* above.
 būwen, *sv.* bow, bend.

Cakel, *aj.* cackling.
 cakelen, *vv.* cackle.
 †calf, *s.* calf.
 *caliz, *sm.* chalice.
 castel, *s.* castle.
 cat(t), *s.* cat.
 †chaf, *s.* chaff.
 †kanunk, *sm.* canon.
 *kēcchen, *vv.* catch.
 kēne, *aj.* brave.
 kēpen, *vv.* heed, care for.
 kerven, *sv.* cut.
 †chariz, *aj.* mourning, sad.
 *chāst, *aj.* chaste.
 *chāstīement, *s.* rebuking.
 *chāstīen, *vv.* rebuke.
 *chaungement, *s.* change.
 cheffare, *s.* traffic, bargaining.
 chēfle, *s.* chatter.
 chēflen, *vv.* chatter.
 †chele, *s.* chill, cold.
 chēoke, *s.* cheek.
 chēosen, *sv.* choose.
 chēouwen, †chewwen, *sv.* chew.
 chēp, *s.* bargain; 'lēten chēp,'
 make a bargain.
 chēpien, *vv.* traffic, sell.
 chēpild, *sf.* trafficker.
 chēpmon, *sm.* merchant, trades-
 man.
 *chēre, *s.* face, countenance; ap-
 pearance.

*cheritē, *s.* love, charity.
 child, *sm.* child.
 chirche, †kirke, *s.* church.
 kinedōm, *s.* kingdom.
 king, *sm.* king.
 †kirke-dure, *s.* church-door.
 †clawwes, *spl.* claws, hoofs.
 clēne, *aj.* pure.
 †clenlike, *av.* purely.
 clēnnesse, *sf.* purity.
 clensien, *ww.* purify.
 clēppe, *s.* clapper.
 climben, *sv.* climb, rise.
 clippen, *ww.* clip, shear.
 clofen, *prt. ptc.* cloven.
 clōp, *s.* clothing, clothes.
 clūse, *s.* sluice.
 cneden, *sv.* knead.
 †cnēling, *s.* kneeling.
 cnēolen, *ww.* kneel.
 kniht, *sm.* knight.
 knihtschipe, *sm.* knighthood.
 knōwen, *sv.* know.
 †knōwen, *sv.* know, discern.
 knūtten, *ww.* tie; tie a knot in.
 cōld, *aj.* cold.
 cōm, †com, *see* cumen.
 †cōme, *s.* coming.
 con, const, *see* cunnen.
 cōrn, *s.* corn.
 cos(s), *s.* kiss.
 costnien, *ww.* cost.
 cōve, *s.* chough, raven.
 *creoisen, *ww.* make the sign of
 the cross on, cross.
 *crien, *ww.* cry.
 Crīst, *sm.* Christ.
 cristen, *aj.* christian.
 cristendōm, *s.* christianity.
 cristnen, *ww.* christen.
 *crūcifix, *sm.* crucifix.
 †crummes, *spl.* crumbs.
 *crūne, *s.* crown.
 *crūnien, *ww.* crown.
 kū, *sf.* cow.
 cude, *s.* cud.
 cūl(1), *s.* stroke.
 †culfre, *s.* pigeon, dove.
 cūllen, *ww.* strike.
 cumen, *sv.* come; happen, be.

cūnde, *s.* nature, condition.
 kūndel, *s.* brood, progeny.
 kūndeliche, *av.* naturally.
 künne, *s.* kind.
 †kūnned, *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*), belonging
 to a family, descended.
 cunnen, *vb.* know; know how,
 be able. 'þonc cunnen,' be
 grateful for.
 *cunsail, *s.* counsel.
 *kuplen, *ww.* couple.
 *kurteisie, *s.* courtesy.
 kurve, *see* kerven.
 küssen, *ww.* kiss.
 kūp, *aj.* known, familiar.
 cūpe, *see* cunnen.
 kūpen, *ww.* made known, show.
 kūplēchunge, *s.* acquaintance.
 cwēd, *s.* evil; 'tō cwēde' badly.
 cwellen, *ww.* kill.
 cwēme, *aj.* pleasing, agreeable.
 cwēme, *s.* gratification. 'tō
 cwēme,' agreeably.
 †cwēme, *aj.* pleasing.
 cwēmen, *ww.* please.
 cwēne, *sf.* queen.
 †cwenken, *ww.* quench, extinguish.
 cwep, *see* cwepen.
 cwepen, *sv.* speak.
 cwic, *aj.* alive, living.
 *cwitaunce, *s.* payment.
 †Daftelike, *av.* becomingly.
 dai, *see* dēi.
 *dāme, *sf.* lady.
 dawes, *see* dēi.
 *debonertē, *s.* kindness.
 dēd, *aj.* dead.
 dēde, *s.* deed.
 dēi, dai, †daz, *s.* day.
 dēl, *s.* part, share. 'sum dēl,' partly.
 dēlen, *ww.* divide, separate.
 delven, *sv.* dig.
 dēmen, *ww.* judge.
 dēor, *s.* animal.
 dēore, *aj.* dear, precious.
 dēore-wurpe, *aj.* dear, precious.
 dēovel, *s.* devil.
 *depeinten, *ww.* paint.
 derf, *s.* hardship.

dēst, *see* dōn.

*destrūen, *vv.* destroy.

dēp, *see* dōn.

dēp, *s.* death.

*dettes, *spl.* debts.

*dettūr, *sm.* debtor.

*dialōge, *s.* dialogue.

†dippen, *vv.* dip.

dōle, *s.* part, division.

dōm, *s.* judgment, opinion. 'dōmes dai,' doomsday, day of judgment.

dōn, *sv.* do; put.

†drāh, *see* drīen.

†dranc, *see* drincen.

drauhp, *see* drawen.

drawen, *sv.* draw.

drēd, *s.* dread.

drēden, *s(w)v.* dread.

drēshen, *see* drīen.

drīen, †drēshen, *sv.* endure.

drifen, *sv.* drive.

†drihtin, *sm.* Lord.

†drinnch, *s.* draught.

drinken, *sv.* drink.

drope, *s.* drop.

*duble, *aj.* double.

dūde, *see* dōn.

dulve, *see* delven.

dust, *s.* dust.

dwilðe, *s.* error.

Ēc, ēke, *av.* also.

ēche, *aj.* eternal.

ēchen, †ēken, *vv.* add.

ēd-mōd, *aj.* humble.

†ædmōdlis, *av.* humbly, graciously.

†ædmōdnesse, *sf.* humility.

ēvere, ēver, †æfre, *av.* ever.

ēverich, *prn.* every, everyone, each one.

evesien, *vv.* clip, cut hair.

evesunge, *spl.* clippings.

efne, *s.* power, ability.

efnen, *vv.* compare.

eft, *av.* again.

ēfter, †after, *prp.* after, according to. 'ēfter-þet,' as.

ēi, *s.* egg.

ēi, *see* ēni.

†ēg-hwær, *av.* everywhere.

ēie, *s.* eye.

eie, *s.* fear.

ēie-pūrel, *s.* window.

ēih-sihp, *s.* eyesight.

ēihte, †ahte, *s.* property; cattle.

eilien, *vv.* annoy, trouble.

ēiren, *see* ēi.

†elderne-mann, *sm.* elderly person.

†ele-sēw, *s.* oil.

elles, *av.* else, otherwise.

elles-hwar, *av.* elsewhere.

ēnde, *s.* end.

ēnes, *av.* once.

engel, *sm.* angel.

†English, *aj., sb.* English, English language.

ēni, ēi, *prn.* any, anyone.

*entente, *s.* intention.

ēode, *see* gōn.

ēornen, *see* ūrnen.

eorpe, *s.* earth.

eorpen, *aj.* earthen.

eorplich, †eorpliġ, *aj.* earthly.

ēpple, *sm.* apple.

ēr, *av., cj.* before. *superl.* ērest, *aj., av.* first. 'on ērest,' first.

†ærd, *s.* country, region.

ēre, *s.* ear. **N**

†erfe, *s.* animal, beast.

erien, *vv.* plough.

ērm, *s.* arm.

†ernde, *s.* message.

ērt, *see* bēon.

ēster-ēven, *s.* Easter eve.

ēt, †at, *prp.* at, by; from.

ēt-flēon, *sv.* escape.

ēt-hōlden, *sv.* withhold.

ēt-lūtien, *vv.* crouch away, hide.

ēt-witen, *vb.* reproach.

ēp-cēne, *aj.* easily seen, manifest, apparent.

ēpe, *av.* easily, without reluctance.

ēx, *sf.* axe.

Fallen, vallen, *sv.* fall; belong.

vals, *aj., sn.* false; falsehood.

valsien, *vv.* prove treacherous.

varen, *sv.* fare, go.

†fasting, *s.* fasting.
 †fatt, *aj.* fat.
 fēden, *ww.* feed.
 vēder, †fader, *sm.* father.
 vēien, *ww.* join.
 fēir, *aj.* fair.
 fēire, †fagre, *av.* fairly, beautifully.
 vēiung, *s.* joining.
 vel, *sn.* skin.
 fēo-lawe, *sm.* companion, friend.
 veole, †fele, *aj.* many.
 veole-iwōrdede, *aj.* of many words, loquacious.
 vēond, *sm.* enemy; fiend, devil.
 *feor, *s.* price.
 veor(r), †fer, *av.* far.
 feorrene, *av.*, *aj.* from a distance; distant.
 vēorpe, †fērpe, *aj.* fourth.
 fērd, *s.* army.
 (i)vēre, *sm.* companion, friend.
 †fēre, *s.* means.
 *vers, †fers, *sn.* verse.
 *versalien, *ww.* repeat a verse.
 *fēste, *s.* feast.
 vēsten, *ww.* fast.
 vēstnien, *ww.* fix, establish, confirm.
 vēt, *see* vōt.
 vētten, *ww.* fatten.
 fif, *num.* five.
 fifte, *aj.* fifth.
 fiht, *sm.* fight, war, contest.
 vihten, *sv.* fight.
 (i)vīnden, *sv.* find.
 †findig, *aj.* fruitful, good.
 †first, *aj.* first.
 †firpren, *ww.* promote, help.
 †flesl, *s.* flail.
 flēose, *s.* fleece.
 flēoten, *sv.* float, flow.
 vlēsch, *sn.* flesh.
 vliēn, †flēon, †flēn, *sv.* flee.
 vloc(c), *s.* flock, multitude, large number.
 flōd, *s.* flood.
 flōd-gæt, *s.* flood-gate.
 †flumm, *s.* river.
 vluwen, *see* vliēn.
 vō, *sm.* foe.
 fodder, *s.* fodder.

vōde, *s.* food.
 *fol, *aj.* foolish.
 volc, *sn.* folk, people.
 vōlden, *sv.* fold.
 volewen, †folghen, *ww.* follow.
 ivollen, *see* fallen.
 vōn, *sv.* seize, take. ‘vōn on,’ begin.
 ivōnd, *see* vīnden.
 vōndunge, *s.* temptation.
 for, *prp.*, *cj.* for; because. ‘for tō, for te,’ in order to, to. ‘for-þat,’ because.
 vor-bēd, *see* vorbēoden.
 vor-bēoden, *sv.* forbid.
 vor-bīsne, *s.* example, parable.
 for-blēnden, *ww.* blind.
 fore-ward, *s.* agreement.
 for-given, *sv.* forgive.
 forgifenesse, *s.* forgiveness.
 vor-gūlten, *ww.* incur guilt. ‘vor-gūlt, †forgilt,’ *prt.* *ptc.* guilty.
 †for-lānged, *aj.* (*prt.* *ptc.*) long-ing.
 vor-lēosen, *sv.* lose; perish.
 forloren, *see* vorlēosen.
 vorlorenesse, *s.* perdition.
 vorme, *aj.* former, first. *superl.*
 vormest. ‘a vormest,’ *av.* at first.
 vor-saken, *sv.* refuse, reject.
 for-schüppen, *ww.* transform.
 vorschüppild, *sf.* sorceress.
 for-sēon, *sv.* despise.
 vor-stoppen, *ww.* stop up.
 vor-swoluwēn, *ww.* swallow up, devour.
 vort, *prp.* until.
 vorp, *av.* forth.
 forpen, *av.* also.
 vor-pī, *av.*, *cj.* therefore, because. ‘for-pī-þet,’ in order that.
 vorpien, *ww.* promote; accomplish, do; help.
 vor-worpen, †forwerpen, *sv.* throw off, cast away, reject.
 fostren, *ww.* nourish, foster.
 fostrild, *sf.* nurse.
 vōt, *s.* foot.
 vōur, vōr, †fowwer, *num.* four.

†fowwertig, *num.* forty.
 †frā, *prp.* from, out of. 'frā-þat,'
 after.
 frame, *s.* profit.
 fremde, *see* vreomede.
 frēond, *sm.* friend.
 vreomede, †fremde, *aj.* strange.
 freomien, *ww.* benefit.
 frēo, *aj.* free.
 vrēoschipe, *s.* liberality.
 freten, *sv.* devour.
 vrī-dei, *s.* Friday.
 vrī-niht, *s.* Good Friday eve.
 vrōvre, *s.* consolation.
 vrōvren, *ww.* console.
 vrom, *prp.* from.
 frommard, *prp.* away from.
 fūel, *s.* bird.
 fūl, *aj.* foul.
 ful(1), *aj.* full; *av.* fully, very.
 fūle, *av.* foully.
 fūlen, *ww.* defile.
 †fulfremed, *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*) perfect.
 †fulhtnen, *ww.* baptize.
 fūllen, *ww.* fill, fill up; fulfil.
 fulliche, *av.* fully.
 †fulluht, *s.* baptism.
 fūr, *s.* fire.
 fūrsen, *ww.* remove.

†Gāl, *aj.* wanton.
 galle, *s.* gall.
 †gālness, *s.* wantonness.
 gangen, *see* gōn.
 †garken, *ww.* prepare.
 garsume, *s.* treasure.
 †gāstlike, *av.* spiritually.
 †gāt, *s.* goat.
 gē, *prn.* ye.
 gē, *av.* yes.
 gean-kūme, *s.* return.
 †gēde, *see* gōn.
 gēderen, *ww.* gather.
 gēf, *see* given.
 †geŋnen, *ww.* profit.
 gēien, *ww.* cry, proclaim.
 gēlden, *sv.* pay, repay; make good;
 requite.
 gēme, *sf.* care, heed.
 gēmen, *ww.* keep.

†gēen, *prp.* against, to.
 geond, *prp.* throughout, over.
 geonien, *ww.* gape.
 gēorne, *av.* eagerly, carefully.
 geove, *s.* gift.
 gēr, *s.* year.
 gēet, *see* gāt.
 get, gēte, †gēt, *av.* yet, besides,
 even; already.
 gēt, *s.* gate.
 gēttēn, *ww.* consent.
 †gēhō, *she.*
 giechen, *ww.* itch.
 gif, †iff, *cj.* if, whether. 'gif þat,'
 if.
 gile, *s.* guile, deceit.
 gilen, *ww.* deceive.
 †gilt, *s.* guilt.
 gīrnen, *ww.* desire.
 gist, *s.* guest.
 gistnen, *ww.* lodge.
 gīven, *sv.* give.
 Giwe, *sm.* Jew.
 Giwerie, *s.* Jewry.
 gladien, *see* glēdien.
 glēd, *aj.* glad.
 glēd, *s.* red-hot coal.
 glēdien, gladien, *ww.* cheer, rejoice.
 glēdliche, *av.* gladly.
 God, *sm.* God.
 gōd, *aj., sn.* good.
 godcundnesse, *s.* divinity.
 gōd-dēd, *s.* good deed.
 Godhēd, *s.* divinity.
 gōdien, *ww.* endow.
 †gōdlēge, *s.* benefit.
 †gōdnesse, *s.* goodness.
 †god-spell, gospel, *sn.* gospel.
 †godspell-bōc, *s.* gospel-book.
 †godspell-wrihte, *sm.* evangelist.
 gōn, †gangen, *vb.* go.
 gospel, *see* godspell.
 gōst, *s.* ghost, spirit.
 gōstlich, *aj.* spiritual.
 *grāce, *s.* grace.
 gramcund, *aj.* angry.
 gredil, *s.* gridiron.
 *grēf, *s.* trouble.
 †greŋpen, *ww.* prepare.
 grēot, *s.* grit, gravel, sand.

grēt, *aj.* thick, coarse, great. *superl.*
greast.

grēten, *vv.* greét.

grēten, *vv.* grow large, get fat.

†greppen, *vv.* bake.

grim(m), *aj.* fierce, severe.

grinden, *sv.* grind.

grin-stōn, *s.* grindstone.

grislich, *aj.* fearful, ghastly.

gripfulness, *s.* peacefulness.

grome, *s.* anger.

gründe, *see* grinden.

*gügement, *s.* judgment.

gung, *aj.* young.

gürdel, *s.* girdle.

Habben, *vv.* have.

†hād, *s.* rank.

†haghelike, hagheliġ, *av.* quietly.

hagherlike, *av.* fitly, becomingly.

halwe, *sm.* saint.

half, *aj.* half.

half, *s.* side. ‘an òper h.’ on the
other hand, again.

†halghen, *vv.* consecrate, sanctify.

†hāliġdōm, *s.* holy thing.

†halp, *see* helpen.

halt, *see* hōlden.

ham, *see* heom.

†hardnen, *vv.* harden.

†zhāten, *prt. ptc.* called, named.

hattre, *see* hōt.

have, *see* habben.

hē, *prn.* he.

hebben, *sv.* lift, raise up.

hef, *see* hebben.

hēved, *s.* head.

hēvede, *see* habben.

hēved-luve, *s.* chief love.

hevi, †hefiġ, *aj.* heavy, severe.

hēie, *av.* highly, high.

hēih, *aj.* high, exalted, august.

‘on h.’ aloft. *superl.* hēixt,

†hēghest.

hēi-ward, *sm.* heyward, town’s
herdsman.

hēld, *see* hōlden.

hēle, *s.* health, salvation; sanctity.

hēlen, *vv.* heal.

helien, *vv.* hide, conceal.

helle, *s.* hell.

help, *s.* help.

helpen, *sv.* help.

†hem, *see* heom.

hende, *aj.* skilful; courteous.

†hengēn, *vv.* hang, suspend.

henne, *sf.* hen.

hēo, *prn.* she, they.

heovene, †heofne, †hefne, *sf.*
heaven.

hēold, *see* hōlden.

heom, ham, †hem, *prn.* them.

heorde-mon(n), *sm.* herdsman.

†heore, hore, †there, *prn.* their.

heort, *s.* hart.

heorte, *sn.* heart.

heorteliche, *av.* heartily, cheer-
fully.

hēowien, *vv.* colour.

hēr, *av.* here. ‘hēr-bī,’ &c., hereby,
by this.

hercnen, *vv.* hearken, attend to.

hērd, †hard, *aj.* hard.

hērde, *av.* violently.

hērd-iheorted, *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*) hard-
hearted.

hērdschipe, *sn.* hardship.

†here, *see* heore.

hēre, *s.* haircloth.

zhēren, *vv.* hear.

here-wōrd, *s.* renown.

hērm, *s.* injury, damage.

hērmien, *vv.* injure.

hēste, *s.* command.

†hēt = hē it.

†hete, *s.* hate.

hēte, *s.* heat.

hetel, *aj.* hostile, threatening.

†hēpeliġ, *av.* scornfully.

hēpen, *aj.* heathen.

†hiden, *vv.* hide.

hider-tō, *av.* hitherto.

hien, *vv.* hie, hasten.

him, *prn.* him.

hird, *s.* retinue, court.

hire, *prn.* her.

his, *prn.* his.

hit, †it, *prn.* it.

hoker, *s.* contempt, disdain.

hōl, *aj.* whole, sound.

zhōl, *aj.* entire, sound.
hōld, *s.* restraint.
hōlden, *sv.* hold, keep; consider.
hōli, *aj.* holy.
holpen, *see* *hæpen*.
hom(m), *s.* ham.
hōnd, *sf.* hand.
hōngen, *vb.* hang.
hope, *s.* hope.
hopien, *vv.* hope.
hore, *see* *heore*.
hors, *s.* horse.
hōt, *aj.* hot.
hū, *hwū*, *av.* how.
hūde, *s.* hide.
hūnd, *sm.* dog.
hundred, *num.* hundred.
hunger, *s.* hunger.
huntien, *vv.* hunt.
hūre, *av.* 'h. & h.' at least, any how.
hūre, *huire*, *s.* hire, wages.
hūren, *vv.* hire.
**hūrt*, *sn.* hurt.
**hūrten*, *vv.* hurt.
hūs, *s.* house.
hūse-wif, *s.* mistress of a house, housekeeper.
†whanne, *see* *hwon*.
hwar, *†whær*, *av.* where. 'whær se,' wherever.
hware-vore, *av.* wherefore.
hwar-tō, *av.* to what purpose, wherefore.
hwat, *prn., aj., interj.* what, which, lo! 'what-se,' whatever. 'for what,' wherefore.
whær, *see* *hwar*.
hwēte, *sm.* wheat.
hwēper, *prn.* which (of two). 'h. se,' whichever of the two.
hwī, *av.* why. 'vor h.' wherefore, why.
while, *see* *hwüch*.
†iwhile, *prn.* each.
hwō, *prn.* who. 'hwō se,' whoever.
hwon(n), *†whanne*, *cj.* when; since. 'whann se,' whenever.
hwū, *see* *hū*.

hwüch, *†while*, *prn., aj.* of what sort, of what kind, which.
hwüder, *av.* whither. 'hw. sō,' wherever.
hwüle, *s.* while, time. 'sume hw.' sometimes. 'þeo (þe) hw. þet,' while.

ī, *see* *ich*.

ī, *see* *in*.

ich, *ī*, *†ic*, *prn.* I.

ichülle = *ich wülle*.

idel, *aj.* vain, useless. 'on īdel,' in vain.

†ilk, *prn.* each.

ilke, *prn.* same.

in, *ī*, *prp., av.* in.

ine, *prp.* in.

inne, *av.* in. *superl.* *†inrest*, innermost.

†insezles, *spl.* seals.

†in-til, *prp.* into, to.

in-tō, *prp.* into.

inward, *aj.* inward.

inwardliche, *inwardlike*, *inwardliç*, *av.* inwardly, sincerely.

īren, *sn.* iron.

īren, *aj.* iron.

is, *see* *bēon*.

†Jūdisk, *aj.* Jewish.

jūggēn, *vv.* judge.

†Lāc, *s.* gift, offering, sacrifice.

†lāf, *s.* loaf.

†lāken, *vv.* offer sacrifice to.

†lāng, *aj.* dependent (on), owing (to).

**large*, *aj.* liberal.

†lār-spell, *s.* doctrine.

last, *aj., superl.* 'a last,' finally. 'atte laste,' at last.

lastunge, *s.* detraction, blame.

†lāte, *s.* manner, behaviour.

†lāten, *vv.* bear oneself.

latere, *av. comp.* later.

†latīn, *aj.* Latin.

lawe, *s.* law.

lēde, *see* *lēode*.

lēden, *s.* language.

lēden, *vv.* lead ; *refl.* conduct oneself.

lēve, *s.* leave.

†læfe, *s.* belief, faith.

lēven, *vv.* leave.

lēven, *vv.* believe.

lēfdi, *sf.* lady.

lēggen, *vv.* lay, lay eggs.

†lēshen, *see* lien.

lēi, *see* liggen.

leinten, *s.* spring, Lent.

lēiten, *vv.* flame.

†lēn, *s.* reward.

lēne, *aj.* lean.

†lēnen, *vv.* entrust with.

†lēode, lēde, *spl.* people.

lēof, *aj.* dear.

lēof-mon(n), *smf.* sweetheart, beloved (applied only to women).

leornien, *vv.* learn.

leorning-cniht, *sm.* disciple.

lēosen, *sv.* lose.

lēren, *vv.* teach. 'ilēred, †læred,' learned ; 'wel-ilēred,' well-informed.

*lescūn, *sn.* lesson.

lēsen, †lēosen, *vv.* loosen, release, redeem. 'l. up,' open.

lēsse, *aj. comp., av.* less.

lēste, *aj.* lest.

lēsten, *vv.* last.

lēten, †læten, *vv.* let, permit ; think, judge.

leper, *sn.* leather.

*lettres, *spl.* letters.

lēūn, *s.* lion.

†lēwed, *aj.* lay.

likien, *vv.* please.

†licnes, *s.* likeness.

zlich, *aj.* like.

licome, *s.* body.

licomlich, *aj.* bodily.

lic-wurpe, *aj.* acceptable.

lien, *sv.* lie, tell untruth.

lif, *s.* life. 'lives,' in life, when alive.

livenep, *s.* sustenance.

liggen, *sv.* lie.

liht, *aj.* light, easy.

lihtliche, *av.* easily ; for a low price.

lim, *s.* limb.

limpen, *sv.* belong.

†listen, *vv.* listen.

līp, *see* liggen.

līpe, *aj.* gentle.

lō, *interj.* lo ! behold !

lōverd, *sm.* lord.

loken, *see* lūken.

lōkien, *vv.* look ; take care.

lōdlich, *aj.* hateful. *superl.* lōd-lūkest.

lof, *s.* praise.

lofen, *vv.* praise.

lōmb, *s.* lamb.

lōme, *s.* tool, instrument.

lōnd, *s.* land, country.

lōng, *aj.* long.

lōnge, *av.* long, for a long time.

lōre, *s.* teaching ; doctrine.

lōp, *aj.* hateful.

lōuw, *aj.* low.

†lufsum, *aj.* loving, amiable.

lūken, *sv.* shut, enclose.

luve, *sf.* love.

luve-glēm, *s.* love-gleam.

luveliche, *av.* lovingly.

luvien, *vv.* love.

luve-wurpe, *aj.* worthy of love.

lust, *s.* desire.

lūsten, *vv. impers.* please ; desire.

lūt, *av., aj., sb.* little, few.

lütel, lüte, †litel, *aj., av., sb.* little, few. 'a lüte wiht,' a little, somewhat.

lūten, *sv.* bow, bow to.

lūper, *aj.* worthless, base, bad, wicked.

Make, †macche, *s.* mate.

makien, *vv.* make ; make necessary, cause.

†maȝ, *see* meȝi.

†maht, *see* miht.

†manig-hwat, *prn.* many a thing.

†man-kin(n), *s.* mankind.

mapelien, *vv.* talk, babble.

mapelunge, *s.* idle talk.

me, *prn. indef.* one, they.

me, *cj.* but ; and.

mē, *prn.* me.

mēde, *s.* reward.

mei, †maſ, *vb.* can ; may.
 meiden, *s.* maid, servant.
 *meister, *sm.* master, teacher.
 *meistrie, *s.* mastery, superiority ;
 great deed.
 mele, *s.* meal.
 men, *see* mon.
 †mēnen, *ww.* mean, signify.
 †mennisclegc, *s.* human nature.
 †menniscnesse, *s.* human nature.
 †mēoc, *aj.* meek.
 †mēoclegc, *s.* meekness.
 †mēoclike, mēocliġ, *av.* meekly.
 †mēocnesse, *s.* meekness.
 *mercēr, *sm.* merchant.
 *merci, *s.* mercy.
 merke, *s.* mark.
 *messeġēr, *sm.* messenger.
 †messe, *s.* mass.
 †messe-bōc, *s.* mass-book.
 mēst, *aj.*, *av.* most.
 *mester, *s.* office.
 *mesūre, *s.* measure, moderation.
 mete, *s.* food, meals.
 †mēten, *ww.* paint, depict.
 mid, *prp.* with ; ‘mit-tēt-þēt,’ by
 the fact that, because.
 mide, *av.* with.
 miht, *vb.*, *see* mei.
 miht, †maht, *s.* might.
 mihti, *aj.* mighty.
 milce, *s.* pity, mercy.
 milcen, *ww.* pity, have mercy.
 mīlde, *aj.* mild, gentle.
 mīld-heortnesse, *s.* gentleness,
 mercy.
 †mīld-hertlegc, *s.* mercy.
 mīn, *prn.* my, mine.
 †minstre, *s.* temple.
 †minstre-dure, *s.* temple-door.
 *mirācle, *s.* miracle.
 mis-dēde, *s.* injury.
 mis-dōn, *sv.* injure.
 mis-lēven, *ww.* disbelieve.
 mislich, *aj.* various.
 mis-sawe, *s.* slander.
 missen, *ww.* miss, lose.
 mis-sigġen, *ww.* slander.
 mit, *see* mid.
 mō, *aj.*, *sb.* more *plural*.

mōder, *sf.* mother.
 †mōdīglec, *s.* pride.
 †mōdīglike, mōdiliġ, *av.* proudly.
 †mōdīgnesse, *s.* pride.
 mon(n), *sm.* man, person.
 mōne, *s.* complaint.
 mōng, *sm.* mingling.
 monglunge, *s.* mingling.
 moni, *aj.* many, many a one.
 moni-vōld, *aj.* manifold.
 monivōlden, *ww.* multiply.
 mōre, *aj.*, *av.* more *sg.* ‘na m.’ no
 more *av.*
 mōt, *vb.* may, must.
 mōwe, *sf.* kinswoman.
 mūchel, mūche, mūch, †mikel,
 aj., *av.*, *sb.* great, much, very.
 mūhte, *see* mei.
 mūlne, *sf.* mill.
 mūd, protection.
 mūnegunge, *s.* commemoration,
 remembrance.
 murcnen, *ww.* murmur.
 mūri, *aj.* merry, cheerful.
 mūþ, *sm.* mouth.
 muwe, *see* mei.

Nabben = ne habben.
 naveþ = ne haveþ.
 †naġlen, *ww.* nail.
 nam = ne am.
 ne, *av.*, *cj.* not ; nor.
 neb(b), *s.* face.
 neðdre, *sf.* serpent.
 nēde, *av.* needs.
 nēden, *ww.* compel, drive.
 nēih, †nēh, *aj.*, *av.* near, nearly.
 cp. nēorre. *superl.* †nēst.
 neġil, *s.* nail.
 nēlde, *s.* needle ; pin.
 nemnen, *ww.* name.
 neŋne, *see* nōn.
 *neoces, *spl.* wedding.
 nēod, *s.* need.
 nēodful, *aj.* zealous.
 nēorre, *see* nēih.
 nēre = ne wēre.
 neġruh, *aj.* narrow.
 neſ = ne weſ.
 †nesshe, *aj.* soft.

†nesshen, *vv.* soften.
 nēst, *see* nēih.
 nēvere, nēver, *av.* never.
 †nighen, *num.* nine.
 niht, *s.* night.
 nimen, *sv.* take.
 nīp, *s.* malice, hatred.
 nīpful, *aj.* malicious.
 nō, *see* nōn.
 *nōble, *aj.* noble.
 noht, *see* nōut.
 *noise, *s.* noise.
 nolde = ne wolde.
 nome, *s.* name.
 nomeliche, *av.* namely.
 nōn, nō, *prn.* none, no; no one.
 nō-pe-lēs, *av.* nevertheless.
 nōu-hware, †nowwhar, *av.* nowhere.
 nōut, †noht, *av.* not.
 nōuper, *av.* neither.
 †nowt, *s.* cattle.
 nūle = ne wūle.
 inumen, *see* nimen.

ō, *see* ōn.

ō, *see* on.

of, *prp.* from, of; about, concerning; of-pat, *conj.* that.
 of-drawn, *sv.* attract.
 of-drēd, *prt. ptc.* afraid.
 over, *prp.* over, above. 'o. al,' everywhere.
 over-cumen, *sv.* overcome; surpass.
 over-gōn, *sv.* pass away, pass over; surpass.
 over-ūrn, *s.* course, speed.
 over-weien, *vb.* outweigh.
 †ofer-werc, *s.* overwork.
 of-gōn, *sv.* seek; win.
 †offren, *vv.* offer, sacrifice.
 ofte, *av.* often.
 ofte-sīpe(n), *av.* often.
 of-pūnchen, *vv.* repent.
 ōld, *aj.* old.
 ōluhnen, *vv.* flatter.
 on, ō, an, †onne (*av.*), *prp.* on; in; against.

ōn, *aj., sb.* one; an, a. 'an ōn,' forthwith. 'ōne,' alone.

ōne, *av.* only.

on-fōn, *sv.* take, receive, suffer.

on-swerien, *vv.* answer.

on-tēnden, *vv.* kindle.

ontful, *aj.* envious.

on-ward, *prp.* towards.

ōn-wil(1), *aj.* obstinate.

open, *aj.* open.

openien, *vv.* open.

openliche, *av.* openly.

ōre, †āre, *s.* grace, mercy.

*ordre, *s.* religious order.

ōper, *aj., prn.* second; other.

ōper, *av., cj.* or. 'ōper . . ōper,' either . . or.

ōper-hwūles, *av.* at other times, sometimes.

ōu, *prn.* you.

ōuh, *see* ōwen.

ōut, *prn.* anything.

ōwen, *aj.* own.

ōwen, *vb.* owe; ought, have to.

ōwer, *prn.* your.

oxe, *s.* ox.

*Paien, *vv.* pay.

*paraīs, *s.* paradise.

*parlūr, *s.* parlour.

*parten, *vv.* part, depart.

*passen, *vv.* pass; surpass.

*passiūn, *s.* suffering, passion.

*patriark, *sm.* patriarch.

*peintunge, *s.* painting.

*pellicān, *sm.* pelican.

*peoddare, *sm.* pedlar.

*person, *s.* person.

pīne, *s.* pain, torment.

pīnen, *vv.* torment, mortify.

pīnunge, *s.* pain, tormenting.

pleien, *vv.* play.

*pōvre, *aj.* poor.

ponewes, *spl.* pence, money.

†postel, *sm.* apostle.

*prēchen, *vv.* preach.

*preisen, *vv.* praise.

*prēoven, *vv.* prove.

prēost, *sm.* priest.

†primsegnen, *ww.* make a catechumen.
 *pris, *s.* price; praise, estimation.
 *prisūn, *s.* prison; prisoner.
 *prophēte, *sm.* prophet.
 psalm - wūrhte, *sm.* (psalm - wright), psalmist.
 puf(f), *s.* puff.
 puffen, *ww.* puff, blow.
 pünden, *ww.* shut up, impound.
 *purgatōrie, *s.* purgatory.
 †Ran, *see* ūrnen.
 †rās, *see* rīsen.
 rāp, *see* rēd.
 raper, *av. comp.* quicker, more readily.
 *raunsūn, *s.* ransom.
 †rēcle-fat, *s.* censor.
 †rēcles, *s.* incense.
 †rēcles-smēc, *s.* incense-smoke.
 rēd, †rāp, *s.* advice, counsel.
 rēd, *aj.* red.
 rēden, *ww.* advise.
 rēden, †rēden, *ww.* read.
 rēvien, *ww.* bereave, rob.
 †reghel-bōc, *s.* rule-book, book of canons.
 *reisūn, *s.* reason.
 *religiūn, *s.* religion.
 *religiūs, *aj., sb.* religious; member of religious order, monk, nun.
 *remedie, *s.* remedy.
 rīche, *s.* kingdom.
 rīche, *aj.* rich.
 riht, *aj., av.* right; rightly, correctly; just, quite.
 riht, *s.* right, justice.
 †riht-biseten, *aj. (prt. ptc.)* rightly acquired.
 rihtwisnesse, *sf.* righteousness.
 rīm, *s.* number; metre.
 †rīsen, *sv.* rise.
 *riwle, *s.* rule, direction.
 rōd, *sf.* cross.
 rōde-trēo, *s.* cross.
 irōted, *aj. (prt. ptc.)* rooted.
 rūh, *aj.* rough.
 rüne, *s.* running, flow.
 rūwe, *see* rūh.

Sake, *s.* dispute; guilt.
 sakelēs, saklēš, *aj.* innocent.
 *sacrament, *s.* sacrament.
 †sah, *see* sēon.
 †saht, *aj.* at peace, reconciled.
 *salve, *s.* remedy.
 salt, *s.* salt.
 *salūz, *s.* salvation.
 †samen, *av.* together.
 †samnen, *ww.* gather, collect.
 †sam-tale, *aj.* agreed.
 †skēt, *aj., av.* quick, soon.
 †skil, *s.* understanding, discernment.
 schal, *vb.* shall.
 schelchīne, *sf.* slave.
 schēld, *sm.* shield.
 schendful, *aj.* ignominious.
 schēne, *aj.* beautiful.
 scheomeful, *aj.* shameful.
 scheortliche, *av.* briefly.
 schēp, *s.* sheep.
 schērp, *aj.* sharp.
 schēwen, *ww.* show.
 schilden, *ww.* shield, defend.
 schīr, *aj.* clear, pure.
 schīren, *ww.* clear, purify.
 schīrnesse, *s.* clearness, purity.
 schriften, *sv.* confess.
 schrīft, *s.* confession.
 schrūden, *ww.* clothe.
 schule, schulde, *see* schal.
 †scorcnen, *ww.* scorch.
 †screnken, *ww.* supplant.
 se, *see* swō.
 sē, seea, *s.* sea.
 sēchen, †sēken, *ww.* seek.
 seggen, *see* siggēn.
 seiht, *s.* peace.
 seihtnesse, *s.* peace.
 *seint, *sein, *aj.* saint.
 sēld-cēne, *aj.* seldom seen, rare.
 sēlde, *av.* seldom.
 sēld-spēche, *s.* taciturnity.
 sēluhpe, *s.* happiness.
 *semblaunt, *s.* appearance.
 sēmen, *ww.* seem.
 sēnden, *ww.* send.
 §seofen, †sefen, seove, *num.* seven.

- seovepe, †sefende, *aj.* seventh.
 seove-vōld, †sefenfāld, *aj.* seven-fold.
 seolver, *s.* silver.
 isēon, †sēon, †sēn, *sv.* see.
 *serven, *ww.* serve.
 *servise, *s.* service.
 †serghen, *ww.* sorrow.
 sēt, sēten, *see* sitten.
 setten, *ww.* set, put; appoint; com-
 pose.
 †sextis, *num.* sixty.
 †shād, *s.* discernment.
 †shāden, *sv.* separate.
 †shāf, *s.* sheaf.
 †shaft, *s.* creature, thing.
 †shapen, *sv.* create, form.
 †shōp, *see* shapen.
 sīk, *aj.* sick, ill.
 *sikel, *s.* shekel.
 siker, *aj.* secure.
 sikerliche, *av.* surely.
 side, *s.* side.
 siggen, †seggen, *ww.* say, speak,
 recite.
 *silence, *s.* silence.
 †sinden, *vb.* are.
 sīngen, *sv.* sing.
 *singnes, *spl.* signs.
 sitten, *sv.* sit.
 sīp, *s.* time.
 sippen, *av.* afterwards, since.
 slēn, *sv.* slay, kill.
 sliddri, *aj.* slippery.
 sliden, *sv.* slide.
 slit, *see* sliden.
 †slōp, *s.* track.
 slōuh, *see* slēn.
 †smac, *s.* taste.
 smēc, *s.* smoke.
 †smeren, *ww.* besmear.
 smēpe, *aj.* smooth.
 smīten, *sv.* smite.
 smīp, *sm.* smith, carpenter.
 †snāp, *see* snīpen.
 snīpen, *sv.* kill.
 sō, se, †swā, *av.* so, as. 'swā
 sum,' as.
 softe, *aj.* gentle, soft.
 somed, *av.* together.
 sōnd, *s.* a thing sent, message;
 messenger.
 sōndes-mon(n), *sm.* messenger,
 ambassador.
 sōne, *av.* forthwith; quickly, soon.
 sōpe, *s.* soap.
 sōr, *s.* pain.
 sōri, *aj.* sorry.
 sot, *aj.* foolish.
 sōp, *aj., sb.* true; truth. 'for sōpe,'
 for a certainty. 'tō fulle sōp,' in
 full truth.
 †sōpfast, *aj.* true.
 sōule, †sāwle, *s.* soul.
 spade, *s.* spade.
 spec, *see* speken.
 speken, *sv.* speak.
 †spāken, *see* speken.
 spēche, †spāche, *s.* speech; lan-
 guage.
 spēden, *ww.* succeed.
 spel(1), *s.* story.
 spelien, *ww.* stand for, repre-
 sent.
 spellen, *ww.* tell, proclaim, preach.
 spēowen, *sv.* vomit.
 sperren, *ww.* shut, close.
 spēten, *ww.* spit.
 *spīce, *s.* spice.
 sprēden, *ww.* spread.
 *spūse, *s.* spouse, bride.
 †stāh, *see* stien.
 stalewardliche, *av.* resolutely.
 †starc, *aj.* stiff, firm, severe.
 stede, *see* stūde.
 †stedefast, *aj.* steadfast.
 stefne, *sf.* voice.
 stēnen, *ww.* stone.
 stēoren, *ww.* steer, direct.
 stī, *s.* stye.
 stien, †stīghen, *sv.* ascend; de-
 scend.
 stille, *aj.* still, quiet, silent.
 stinken, *sv.* stink.
 †stinch, *s.* stench.
 stīngen, *sv.* sting.
 stī-ward, *sm.* steward.
 stok, *s.* place.
 stōn, *s.* stone.
 stōnden, †standen, *sv.* stand, sub-

- sist, be. 'standen in,' persevere,
 continue.
 stoppen, *vv.* stop.
 strecchen, *vv.* stretch.
 †strenken, *vv.* sprinkle.
 †strencles, *s.* sprinkling.
 strence, *s.* strength, force, violence;
 compulsion.
 strencepen, *vv.* strengthen.
 strēonen, *vv.* beget.
 *striven, *sv.* strive, vie.
 *strōf, *see* striven.
 strōng, *aj.* strong.
 stūde, †stede, *s.* place.
 stūnde, *sf.* time.
 *sukurs, *s.* help.
 sūlien, *vv.* soil, defile.
 sūlf, †self, *prn.* self.
 sullen, *vv.* sell.
 suluh, *s.* plough.
 sum, *prn., av.* some, some one, a
 certain one, many a (one).
 †sum, *av.* as.
 sum-hwat, *prn.* somewhat, some-
 thing.
 sune, *sm.* son.
 sūnegen, *vv.* sin.
 sūnful, *aj.* sinful.
 sunne, *s.* sun.
 sūnne, *s.* sin.
 sūster, *sf.* sister.
 †swāt, *s.* sweat.
 †swā-pehh, *av.* however.
 swēmen, *vv.* grieve, vex.
 swenge, *s.* stroke, blow.
 sweord, *s.* sword.
 swēore, *s.* neck.
 swerien, *sv.* swear.
 swēte, *aj.* sweet.
 swēteliche, †swētlike, *av.* sweetly,
 graciously.
 swēten, *vv.* sweeten.
 swiftschipe, *s.* swiftiness.
 swilc, *see* swūch.
 swin, *s.* hog, swine.
 swinc, *s.* labour, toil.
 swī-wike, *s.* week of silence.
 swōte, *aj.* sweet.
 swōte-iheorted, *aj.* (*prt. plc.*)
 sweet-hearted.
 swōtnesse, *s.* sweetness.
 swūch, †swilc, *prn.* such, such a
 one.
 swūpe, *av.* strongly, very.
 †Taken, *sv.* take, receive, suffer.
 †tācnen, *vv.* signify.
 †tahte, *see* tēchen.
 tale, *s.* talk.
 tat, *see* pēt.
 te, *see* tō.
 te, *see* pe.
 tēchen, *vv.* teach.
 tēke(n), *av.* besides, moreover;
prp. in addition to, besides;
 tēke pat, *conj.* besides that.
 tēlen, *vv.* blame.
 tellen, *vv.* tell, account, estimate.
 *temptāciūn, *s.* temptation.
 tēonen, *vv.* vex.
 teonne, *see* peonne.
 *testament, *s.* testament.
 tēt, *see* pēt.
 †til, *prp.* to, till.
 tilien, *vv.* till.
 tilpe, *s.* cultivation.
 timbrien, *vv.* build, prepare, make.
 timbrunge, *s.* building.
 time, *s.* time.
 tisse, *see* pis.
 tīpinge, †tīpende, *s.* tidings.
 tō, te, *prp., av.* to.
 tō, *av.* too.
 tō-blōwen, *sv.* blow away.
 tō-bollen, *aj.* (*prt. plc.*) displeased.
 tō-breken, *sv.* break.
 tōc, *see* taken.
 tō-drawen, *sv.* tear apart.
 tō-vlēoten, *sv.* flow away.
 tō-gēderes, *av.* together.
 tō-geines, *av.* towards.
 tōlde, *see* tellen.
 †tō-skegren, *vv.* scatter.
 tō-treden, *sv.* trample.
 tō-twēmen, *vv.* separate.
 tōu-ward, *prp.* towards, to.
 treden, *sv.* tread.
 trēo, trēou, *sn.* tree; wood, piece
 of wood.
 trēowe, *aj.* faithful.

*tresor, *s.* treasury.
 †trowpe, *s.* faith.
 †trowwen, *vv.* believe.
 trūkien, *vv.* fail.
 trūsti, *aj.* trusting.
 tu, *see* pū.
 tūkien, *vv.* ill-treat.
 tūn, *s.* farm.
 tūnen, *vv.* shut, close.
 tūnge, *s.* tongue.
 *turn, *s.* trick.
 *turnement, *s.* tournament.
 türnen, *vv.* turn.
 turtle, *s.* turtle-dove.
 tütel, *s.* mouth.
 †tweġgen, *see* twō.
 twie(s), twigges, *av.* twice.
 twinne, *aj., num.* double, two.
 twinnen, *vv.* divide, separate.
 twinnunge, *s.* separation.
 twō, *num.* two.
 þauh, †þoh, †peh, *av., cj.* though, although, however. 'as þauh,' as if. 'þoh þat,' though. 'þoh swā þeh,' nevertheless.
 þe (*prn.*), *def. art.* the. 'vor þī,' therefore. 'þes te better,' all the better.
 þē, þe, *prn. rel.* who. 'þē þet,' he who.
 þe, *av. with compar.* the.
 þē, *prn.* thee.
 †þes, †þegm, †þegre, *see* hē.
 þen, *see* þe (*art.*).
 þen, þene, *av.* than.
 þenchen, *vv.* think, consider.
 þeo, *see* þe (*art.*), þe (*prn. rel.*).
 þēo, *see* þō.
 þēode, þēd, *s.* people.
 þeonne, *av.* then; when.
 þeorf, *aj.* unleavened.
 þēos, *see* pis.
 þēoten, *sv.* howl.
 †þeow, *sm.* servant.
 †þeowten, *vv.* serve.
 þēr, þēre, *av., cj.* there; where. 'þēr ase,' where.
 †þerfling, *aj.* unleavened.
 þes, *see* þe (*art.*).

þet, *prn., art., cj.* that, the; who, which, what; because. 'mid tēt þet,' when.
 †þeþen, *av.* thence.
 þēw, *s.* behaviour, custom; 'gōde þēwes,' virtues.
 þī, *see* þīn.
 þider-ward, *av.* thither.
 †þild, *s.* patience.
 †þildelig, *av.* patiently.
 þīn, þī, *prn.* thine.
 þīng, *s.* thing. 'vor nōne þīnge,' on no account.
 þis, *prn.* this.
 þō, þēo, *av., cj.* then, when.
 þoht, *see* pouht.
 þole-mōd, *aj.* patient.
 polien, *vv.* suffer, endure.
 þonkien, *vv.* thank.
 þouht, †þoht, *s.* thought, remembrance.
 þouhte, †þohte, *see* þenchen.
 þrēo, *num.* three.
 †þresshen, *sv.* thresh.
 þridde, *aj.* third.
 †þrīges, *av.* thrice.
 †þrinne, *aj., num.* threefold, three.
 †þrist, *s.* thirst.
 †þrosshen, *see* þresshen.
 þū, *prn.* thou.
 þuhte, *see* þünchen.
 þünchen, *vv.* seem.
 þurh, *prp.* through; by (*of agent*).
 þurh-lōken, *vv.* look through, examine.
 †þurh-sēken, *vv.* seek through, examine.
 þūrl, *s.* hole; window.
 þūrlen, *vv.* pierce.
 þūrlunge, *s.* piercing.
 þus, *av.* thus.
 þūsund, †þūsende, *s.* thousand.
 þwert-over, *av.* across.
 þwert-ūt, þweortūt, *av.* entirely.
 Ūvel, †ifel, *aj., s.* evil, bad; disease.
 †umbe, umben, *prp., av.* about, concerning. 'bēn umben,' be occupied with.
 †umbe-þenken, *vv.* consider.

ūmbri-dawes, *spl.* Ember days.
 †un-bermed, *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*) unleavened.
 †unc, †unker, *prn.* us two, of us two.
 un-clēne, *aj.* unclean.
 un-clēnnesse, *s.* uncleanness.
 un-cwēme, *aj.* unacceptable.
 under, *prp.* under.
 under-vōn, †underfangen, *sv.* accept, receive.
 under-prēost, *sm.* under-priest.
 under-stōnden, *sv.* understand.
 under-tīd, *s.* morning-time; time of the morning service (about 9 A.M.).
 un-dēplich, *aj.* immortal.
 un-ēdeliche, *av.* infinitely.
 *ūnicorne, *s.* unicorn.
 un-imete, *s.* want of measure, excess; *av.* immeasurably.
 un-imeteliche, *av.* immeasurably.
 un-isēli, *aj.* unhappy.
 un-mēpschipe, *s.* want of moderation.
 †un-nit(t), *aj.* useless. 'on u.' uselessly, to no purpose.
 un-pīned, *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*) unpunished, uninjured.
 un-rechelēs, *aj.* heedless, indifferent.
 †un-seolpe, unselpe, *s.* unhappiness.
 †un-skaepful, *aj.* innocent.
 †un-shapīgnesse, *s.* innocence.
 *un-stāble, *aj.* unstable.
 un-til, *prp.*, *av.* unto, until.
 un-þēu, *s.* vice, fault.
 un-þonkes, *av.* involuntarily.
 un-wīs, *aj.* unwise.
 un-wrēst, *aj.* base, worthless, wicked.
 un-wrēsteliche, *av.* wickedly.
 up, *av.* up.
 up-on, upo, uppen, uppe, †uppon, uppo, *prn.*, *av.* upon, on, in, above.
 up-riht, *aj.*, *av.* upright.
 up-ward, upwardes, *av.* upwards.
 ūre, *prn.* our.

*ūres, *spl.* hours, times for prayer.
 ūrnen, †ēornen, *sv.* run.
 us, *prn.* us.
 ūt, *av.* out. *comp.* 'uttre,' outer.
 ūt-cūme, *s.* coming out, exit.
 ūt-ward, *av.* outwards.

V, *see under f.*

Waden, *sv.* wade.
 †wāghe-rift, *s.* wall-cloth, curtain.
 †wāh, †wāghe, *s.* wall.
 wal(1), *s.* wall.
 †wāld, *s.* power.
 wallen, *sv.* boil.
 iwar(r), *aj.* cautious.
 ward, *s.* guard.
 ware, *s.* wares.
 warien, *ww.* curse.
 wari-trēo, *s.* gallows.
 warp, *see* wurpen.
 was, *see* bēon.
 †wasshen, *sv.* wash.
 water, *s.* water.
 †water-kin(n), *s.* nature of water.
 waxen, *sv.* grow, increase.
 †wecche, *s.* watching.
 wed(d), *s.* pledge, security.
 iwedded, *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*) wedded.
 wei, *sm.* way. 'þisses weis,' in this way. 'summes weis,' to some extent. 'nōne(s) weis,' in no way.
 wēie, *s.* balance.
 wel, †wēl, *av.* well; indeed, in truth.
 wēlden, *ww.* possess; win.
 wel-iset(t), *aj.* (*prt. ptc.*) well-arranged, suitable.
 wē-mōd, *av.* peevish.
 wēnden, *ww.* turn, go; change; translate.
 wēne, *s.* distress.
 wēnen, *ww.* think, expect.
 weole, *s.* prosperity, wealth.
 wēop-mon(n), *sm.* male, man.
 weore, *see* wer.
 weoreld, *see* world.
 †weoreldshipe, *s.* worldliness.
 *weorre, *s.* war.

- *weorrien, *vv.* make war; harass with war.
- wer, *sm.* man.
- werc, *s.* action, work.
- wēre, *see* bēon.
- werien, *vv.* defend, guard.
- werien, *vv.* wear (clothes).
- wērp, werpen, *see* worpen.
- †wesh, *see* wasshen.
- †weste, *s.* wilderness.
- †weste, *aj.* desert.
- wēte, *s.* moisture.
- wh-, *see* hw-.
- wike, *s.* week.
- †wiken, *s.* office, charge.
- wif, *s.* woman.
- wiht, *s.* being, thing. 'a lūte wiht,'
av. a little.
- wilde, *aj.* wild.
- wilen, *see* wüllen.
- wilkume, welcome.
- wille, *s.* will.
- willeliche, *av.* voluntarily.
- willes, *av.* voluntarily.
- wilnien, *vv.* desire.
- wilt, *see* wüllen.
- wīn, *s.* wine.
- wīnd, *s.* wind.
- wīndwen, *vv.* winnow.
- winnen, *sv.* win, gain.
- (i)wis(s), *aj., av.* certain, certainly.
- wīs, *aj.* wise.
- wīs-iwōrded, *aj. (prt. ptc.)* wise of words.
- wīse, *s.* way, manner.
- †wislike, *av.* certainly.
- †wit, *prn.* we two.
- wit(t), *s.* wit, sense.
- (i)witen, *vb.* know, learn, enquire; guard, take charge of; beware of.
- witnesse, *s.* witness.
- witnien, *vv.* bear witness, testify.
- witterliche, †witerlike, *av.* truly, verily.
- witunge, *s.* guarding.
- wip, *prp.* against.
- wip-hōlden, *sv.* withhold.
- wip-inne(n), *prp., av.* within.
- †wipren, *vv.* resist.
- wip-ūte(n), *prp., av., cj.* outside; without; except.
- wlatien, *vv.* feel nausea, loathe.
- wlēch, *aj.* lukewarm.
- wlite, *s.* beauty.
- wō, *sn.* woe.
- wōc, *aj.* weak.
- wōcnesse, *s.* weakness.
- wōd, *aj.* mad, raging.
- wōdnes-dei, *s.* Wednesday.
- wōdschipe, *s.* madness.
- wōh, *see* wōuh.
- wolde, *see* wüllen.
- wōmbe, *s.* stomach; womb.
- wone, *s.* want.
- wonten, *vv.* be wanting.
- wōrd, *s.* word.
- wōri, *aj.* turbid, impure.
- wōrien, *vv.* disturb.
- world, †weoreld, *sm.* world.
- worldlich, †weoreldlic, *aj.* worldly.
- worpen, †werpen, *sv.* throw.
- wōt, *see* witen.
- wōuh, †wōh, *aj., sb.* perverse, wrong; perversity.
- wōuhlecchunge, *s.* courtship.
- wōware, *sm.* wooer.
- wōwen, *vv.* woo.
- wrastlen, *vv.* wrestle.
- wraþpe, *see* wrēþpe.
- wrecche, *sm.* wretch.
- wrecche, *aj.* wretched.
- wrēche, *s.* vengeance, punishment.
- wrēih, *see* wrien.
- wrēþful, *aj.* wrathful.
- wrēþpe, †wraþpe, *s.* wrath, anger.
- wrien, *sv.* cover, hide.
- †wrihte, *s.* crime, guilt.
- write, *s.* writing, Scripture.
- writen, *sv.* write, transcribe.
- writunge, *s.* writing.
- wrōþ, *aj.* angry.
- wrouhte, *see* wūrchen.
- wude, *s.* wood; fuel.
- wūle, *see* wüllen.
- wulf, *sm.* wolf.
- wūlvene, *s.* she-wolf.
- wüllen, †wilen, *vb.* will, desire.
- wūmmon, *sf.* woman.

wūnde, *s.* wound.
 wūnden, *ww.* wound.
 wunder, *s.* wonder. 'tō wundre,'
 cruelly, disastrously.
 wunien, *ww.* dwell; beaccustomed.
 'iwuned,' accustomed.
 wūnne, *s.* joy.
 wunnunge, *s.* habitation.
 wūrchen, *ww.* work, do.

wurpe, *see* worpen.
 wurp, *aj.*, *s.* worth.
 iwurpen, wurpen, *sv.* become,
 happen. 'lēt hine iwurpen,' let
 him do as he likes.
 †wurplike, *av.* worthily, rever-
 ently.
 wurpschipe, *s.* worship, honour.
 wüste, wütep, *see* witen.



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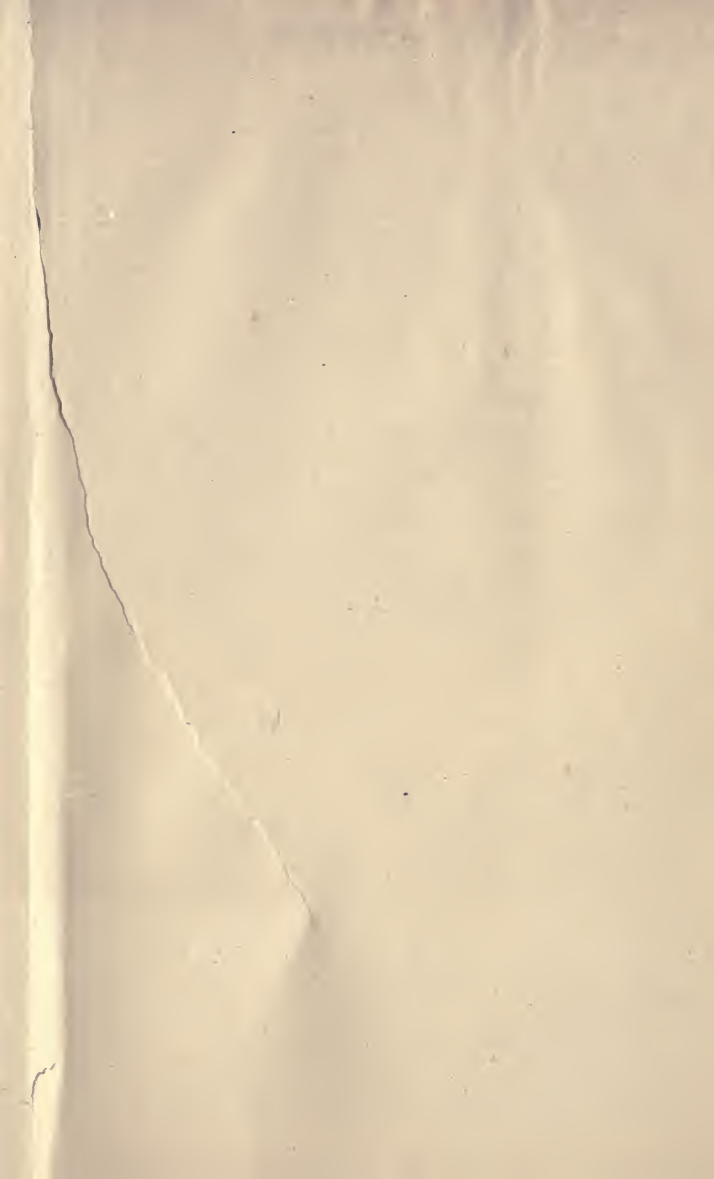
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